



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Rogers

Dear Neighbor,

I hope you are having a great November! With the holiday season upon us, this month serves as a reminder to be thankful.

This month we celebrated Veterans Day! Thank you to all of the women and men who serve and have served our country. I am forever grateful to each and every one of our veterans for the selflessness and sacrifice. Ohio and America would not be and could not be the best place to live without their service. We must remember to support our veterans and their families for their commitment to defending our freedoms. I will continue to work to help support our veterans and their families.

On November 5th, we had a general election which nearly 150 million Americans voted. In Ohio, we witnessed and increase in Ohioans going to exercise their right to vote. Thank you for taking the time to engage in our electoral process. Our ability to express our opinions, practice our various faiths/religion without fear of punishment or interference is what makes our state and nation a shining example of what democracy in actions looks like.

During this period of giving thanks and showing gratefulness, I believe it is important to remember that our differences and ability to remain united is what makes America great! I am thankful for each and every person who is working tirelessly to better their community. Please continue to have a positive impact on all those who cross your path—kindness is the key to healing hearts. Whether it's on a grand scale or a personal level, take this holiday season to recognize someone in your life who is doing the good work. Enjoy this time with friends, family and great food! I am thankful to be your state representative.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns at Rep44@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-1401.

Sincerely,

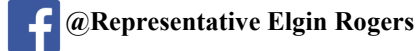
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Happy Thanksgiving! I hope you have a safe and healthy holiday with friends, family, and good food!



It's #SmallBusinessSaturday! Ohio has nearly 1M small businesses that continue to accelerate economic growth and employment opportunities in our great state. Shop small this weekend and support local businesses across Ohio.





SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway

This month, I was able to introduce a bipartisan bill HB 641. HB 641 is entitled, the SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway. The bill passed unanimously out of the House Transportation Committee. This bill would if successful will designate a portion of Interstate Route 280 as “SSG Jack W. Coy Memorial Highway.”

As a 20-year-old resident of Lucas County, Staff Sargent Coy joined the United States Army Air Force where he became a tail gunner onboard the B-24J “Liberator.” Staff Sargent Coy and his fellow airmen fought honorably to defend Europe from the advancement of Axis power. On February 24th, 1944, the “Liberator” was shot down with Staff Sargent Coy onboard.

Thanks to the hard work from family members and advocacy groups, Staff Sargent Coys remains were identified nearly 80 years later, finally providing closure for his loved ones.

The goal of this bill is to guarantee that Staff Sargent Coy’s bravery is not forgotten and will serve as a reminder for generations to come of the sacrifice he made.

I would like to personally my joint sponsor Rep. Josh Williams for his support as well as Shawnelle Johns—the great niece of SSG Coy. She came to Columbus and provided the Transportation committee with an in depth and moving testimony regarding SSG Coy and his family’s legacy in Northwest Ohio. This is a big deal for the people of Oregon, Ohio and our region.



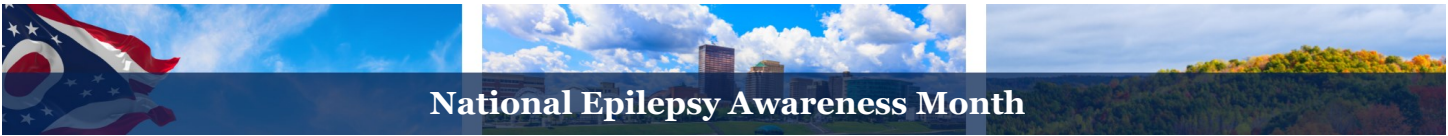
Ohio Nurses

As the legislature prepares to close for this 135 general assembly—there are a lot of committee hearings, and discussions regarding existing and future legislation. I would like to thank the Ohio Nurses Association for the support and testimony on the HB 285 Safe Patient Care Act. It is bill that will support our patients as well our nurses in our Ohio hospitals. I would like to thank everyone who came down from Toledo to support and provide testimony. I am grateful to have your support on this important piece of legislation. I would like to personally thank David Kissinger for who is a nurse for accepting the initiation to testify. Additionally, I would like to thank Tony Sopko and the nurses of St. Vincent’s for coming and supporting during the committee’s second hearing. YOU all are difference makers thank you!



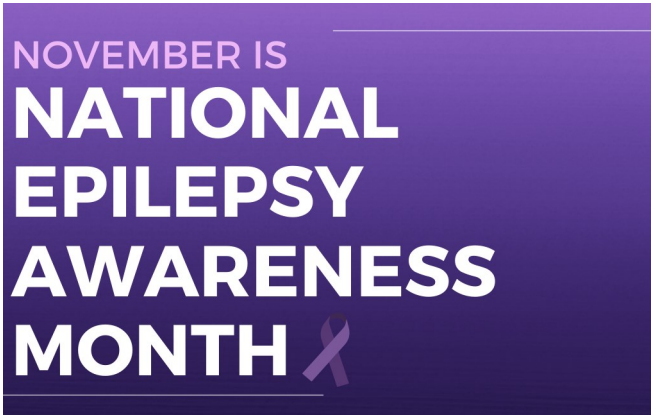
Military Family Month

Ohio's service members and their families are the definition of strength, resilience, and courage. With frequent moves and time away from love ones, we owe them an enormous gratitude. Creating good paying jobs, ensuring kids have a quality education and providing tax breaks to help with frequent moves are all ways I am proud to support Ohio's military families.



National Epilepsy Awareness Month

1 in 26 will develop epilepsy during their lifetime. National Epilepsy Awareness Month calls attention to the chronic brain disorder. Together, we can raise awareness and funds, educate the general public about epilepsy and seizures, and push for more research to improve outcomes. House Democrats are proud to have passed HB 229 - the Brenna Brossard SUDEP Awareness Act- that raises awareness and educates the general public about epilepsy.





Rep. Rogers gives testimony on HB 641.



Rep. Rogers, Shawnelle Johns, and Rep. Williams after giving testimony.



Shawnelle Johns, Great Niece of SSG Jack Coy gives testimony on HB 641.

Photo Gallery



Rep. Rogers and NAACP Big Brothers Big sisters Youth Leader Madison Guy Mac.



Rep. Rogers at the AFL-CIO Annual Dinner with The Murnens.



At the Ohio Trucking Association in Maria Stein, OH. Rep Rogers has been named co Chair of the Trucking Caucus!

Photo Gallery



Rep. Rogers and Toledo City Councilwoman Vanice Williams.



Retired Law Enforcement Officer and Oregon School board member Mr. Eversman and Rep. Rogers.



Johnny Hutton, Rep Rogers High School Principal and Brother of the late state Senator Edna Brown



Rep. Rogers with Carly Stevens from Democratic Women in Action .



Connecting with colleague and friend, West Chester Township Administrator Larry Burks.