

"Preamble" of the Declaration of Independence

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Dear Neighbor,

As we roll into a hot, sizzling summer, I would like to wish you and your loved ones a **HAPPY AND ENJOYABLE FOURTH OF JULY!** We celebrate our nation's founding and our independence, understanding that our democratic way of life is guided by the principles and beliefs we all inherently share. Our country was founded upon the ideals of freedom, equality, and justice, values that we all must embrace and work to uphold. It is up to us to continue to work towards building a more perfect union.

On June 30th, Governor DeWine signed **HB 96**, Ohio's two-year operating budget. I could not support this budget, as it cuts and eliminates funding for local governments, libraries, nonprofits, and programs serving our youth and seniors. **HB 96** was not supported by several House Republicans and not one House Democrat voted in favor of the bill's passage. Despite bipartisan opposition, the bill passed.

This budget also cuts and eliminates Ohio's bipartisan school funding formula, offers no real property tax relief, and includes a \$600 million giveaway to billionaires for a new Browns stadium, funded in part by raiding nearly \$2 billion from unclaimed funds. That's not right, and we won't stay silent. I urge you to contact your state officials and demand better for Ohio's working families. I'll keep fighting for fairness and opportunity for all.

Finally, I want to take a moment to appreciate our hardworking farmers. July is Corn Month! Ohio ranks 7th in the nation for corn production. Thank you to our dedicated farmers for feeding our families and fueling our communities. Your work is vital and deeply appreciated.

If there is anything my office can do, please reach out to us by email at Rep42@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-1401. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.
State Representative
Ohio House District 42





I am a proud member and cochair of the Ohio Trucking Caucus. The newly formed caucus is a bipartisan effort to ensure that Ohio remains a national leader in the trucking and logistics industry.

The caucus is committed to expanding business and job opportunities across the state and strengthening this vital sector of our economy.





Village of Walbridge Railway Park Grand Opening

The Village of Walbridge celebrates the grand opening of a new park! Railway Park was first built in the early 1980s and had much of the original playground equipment. During the 135th General Assembly, I worked tirelessly to ensure that the Village received funding in the state capital budget to facilitate this project. Working with Mayor Kolanko, lobbyists, and members of the legislature, I was able to help secure the funding to make the project possible. The new park cost nearly \$500,000. That's a lot of money! It was money well spent as it was invested for the good of the community and the neighboring towns. This project allowed the Village to completely renovate the park, including the addition of swings, a solo spinner, and fresh mulch. When the mayor brought the idea to me with the numbers, I was a first-term legislator. Parks like this mean a lot because it is good to have a place where a kid can be a kid, free from life's distractions. For me, this is a feather not only in my cap, but it is dear to my heart. If you look around, you will see children out here smiling, laughing, and playing. This was a significant investment for the Village of Walbridge, as without the capital budget appropriations, the project would have been beyond the Village's financial reach.

(Individuals photographed above include Rep. Rogers and the Village of Walbridge Mayor Edward Kolanko)

Link to the full article: https://www.sent-trib.com/2025/06/24/walbridge-replaces-40-year-old-equipment-at-railway-park/







I had the pleasure of attending the Anthem Blue Cross and Blue Shield Community Welcome Center Grand Opening. The Community Welcome Center in Toledo will provide Anthem members and the community with education, tools, and resources to achieve optimal health and well-being. At the Center, Anthem associates and experts will be available to connect members with health services in ways that are most convenient for them by addressing the physical, behavioral, economic, and social factors that impact one's whole health, This includes support for access to nutritious food, safe housing, reliable transportation, and financial support. The center will also host health and, wellness classes and, offer meeting space for community members, nonprofit organizations and, government entities to meet or offer public workshops/events.



Jerusalem Township

The Jerusalem Township Town Hall was a great success and a valuable opportunity to connect with members of the community and, learn about the issues impacting the township. During the event, I shared a presentation on the legislation I am currently sponsoring and supporting, legislation that will impact the township, and key updates to the Ohio operating budget. We also discussed my ongoing partnerships with national and international organizations that help me stay informed and, build relationships that can bring long-term benefits to our district such as jobs, housing, and economic development.

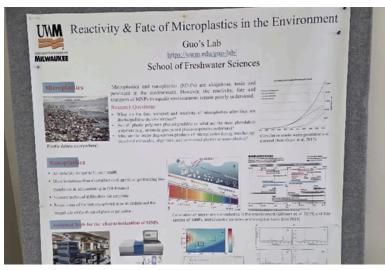
The town hall offered a welcoming and respectful space where constituents could learn more about me, my work at the Statehouse, and the initiatives I am pursuing on their behalf. Most importantly, it provided a forum for open dialogue, allowing residents to ask questions, share ideas, and voice their concerns. I am grateful to everyone who attended and contributed to a thoughtful conversation. Your input is essential to ensuring that I continue to represent our district well.











Great Lakes St. Lawrence Legislative Caucus 2025 Birkholz Institute on Emerging Contaminants: PFAS and Plastic

I was selected to attend the 2025 Birkholz Institute on Emerging Contaminants in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The institute was an incredible opportunity to engage deeply with scholars, water quality experts and, fellow legislators from across the Midwest on the urgent issue of emerging contaminants, specifically per- and polyfluoroalkyl substances(PFAS) and plastics. PFAS and plastics present a significant threat to both our drinking water and the long-term health of the Great Lakes. The caucus which has grown into a strong task force for water safety, provided the ideal setting for meaningful collaboration and in-depth learning. It was truly an honor to participate in an event named after the late Senator Patricia Birkholz, whose vision of uniting Great Lakes lawmakers continues to guide the important work of the GLLC. Throughout the institute, I gained valuable insights into how PFAS, often referred to as "forever chemicals" that accumulate in water, soil, and even human tissue, posing serious health risks including cancer, liver damage, and developmental issues. I also learned how microplastics are now found in our drinking water, aquatic life, and even the air we breathe, and how this growing issue demands uniform regulatory approaches across state and national borders. Experts from the University of Wisconsin–Madison discussed the gaps in federal regulation, prompting conversations about how state-level legislation can help fill those voids while we push for more comprehensive federal action.



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Rep. Rogers, Erica kraus & Commissioner Gerken



Boys & Girls Club North East Ohio



Rep. Rogers & Sens. Shink



Old Western Festival with Judge Duhart & Kids for Rogers



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Greenseams sites



Rep. Rogers & Michigan Sate Rep. Paiz



Freshwater Science Research Vessel with colleagues



Meeting with Friends



Alpha Kappa Alpha State House Day



Believe Land



Cherry Street Mission Second Helping Food Truck



Rachel & Kevin from Life Connection of Ohio



Rep. Rogers & Ms. Daphne Derden former Highschool Teacher



Chair Beckwith at the Old Western Festival



Rep. Rogers with Councilman Driscoll



Milwaukee Metropolitan Sewerage District's Greenseams sites



Rep. Rogers & Professor Goo from the University of Milwaukee Wisconsin



Guests at the Capital exercising their right to protest



Rep. Rogers & Ms. Hackathorn



Rep. Rogers with Mick Murnen



Laura Tomaka CSG director & Rep. Rogers



Old Western Festival with councilman Komives



Rep. Rogers with Lucas County Engineer Mike Panuski & Council woman Dr. Jones



Deputy Sherriff Wittman visits Rep. Rogers



Rep. Thomas & Rep. Rogers



City of Toledo Retire Carla Townsend & Coach Clyde Phillips, Jr



Mr. Jodi Summers



Rep. Rogers & Councilwomen McPherson



Pictures out in the Field



Rep. Rogers & Retired TPS Teacher & Hall of Famer Ted Jobe



Rep. Rogers & Sens. Hicks-Hudson



Dr. Larome Myrick



Rep. Rogers & Dr. Durant Toledo Public Schools superintendent



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Rep. Rogers & DJ Taylor made Productions



District Residence





Recent Scott Highschool Graduate, Congratulations



Deputy Sherriff Wittman visits Rep. Rogers



Professor Goo's Lab Presentation on PFAS



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Rep. Rogers & Rep. Lorenz



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