

A Legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,
I am happy to announce that last month committees and session resumed following our short break. We are now in the process of reviewing capital improvement projects.

I am also excited to announce \$2.3 Million in allocations for the Historic Ohio Theatre, the Cherry Street Supportive Housing Development, Valentine Theatre, the Epilepsy Center, and Harbor's mental health and addiction shelter.

I would like to thank our Caucus finance team including Rep. Bride Sweeney, Minority Finance Director Riley Alton, Minority Deputy Finance Director Caitlin Robertson, as well as my office staff Daranii Asoba, and Josie Speakman. I would also like to thank my fellow legislator State Senator Paula Hicks-Hudson.

This money came from unfinished projects in the 2010-2012 general assembly, and will go to the hardest hit areas of Toledo in order to create generational transformation. I am grateful for the community's support, and I will continue to fight for the people of Toledo.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Elgin Rogers Jr.' with a stylized flourish at the end.

Elgin Rogers Jr.

State Representative
Ohio House District 42

Women's
HISTORY MONTH

March marks the 39th Women's History Month since its inception in 1987. Not only in March, but everyday we honor all the intelligent, caring, and resilient women in our lives.

We also recognize there are still strides to make towards women's rights, as we continue to advocate for reproductive health.

To the women that empower our community: we thank you. I will do my best to advocate for you.

Difference Makers

Last month, I hosted the Difference Makers Black History Month event to celebrate leaders in our community. Each of the recognized individuals has demonstrated a strong commitment to public service throughout their careers. They have advocated for their community, protected the most vulnerable among us, and through their persistent efforts, our family here in Toledo has been made stronger.

The following individuals and businesses were recognized; Taria Blanchard, Melissa Stephens, Mose Hairson, Antwan Atia, Mick Murnen, Jack's Men's Wear, Pete Coates, Alto King Jr., Maria White, Trevor Black, Susan Mulligan, William Foster, Kim Higsmith, Jean Holden, Doni Miller, John Richardson, esq., Elder Neail Goodloe, Minister Antoinette Goodloe, Peter Gerken, Everette Moore, esq., Paula Verhoff, Dr. Lawrence Monger Jr., Macy Briggs, Cierra Turner, and Paige Anderson.

In February and beyond we thank them for all that they do to educate, inspire, and serve the people of this great city. Their leadership is an inspiration to us all. Once again I extend my gratitude to the twenty five individuals and businesses that were recognized.

A program for the event can be accessed at [this link](#).



Rep Rogers meets with a recognized community leader and family



Rep Rogers meets with constituents and community members in attendance at the Difference Makers event.

Energy Symposium

In February I was invited to serve as a panelist at the 30th Annual Energy Symposium hosted by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce at the Renaissance Downtown Hotel.

The energy landscape is rapidly evolving, therefore Ohio must work in conjunction with our neighbors as we navigate our local challenges. We have the opportunity to lead in reliability, affordability, and innovation, especially with regard to water and energy infrastructure.

examined innovative approaches to grid modernization, renewable deployment, water stewardship, and cross-border energy collaboration

We must continue to strengthen the partnership between legislators and industry professionals to create a sustainable future in Ohio energy.



Rep Rogers joins panel alongside

Celebrating Rachelle Roy



Rachelle Roy is best known for being Toledo's famous mail carrier, and bringing awareness to those who suffer from Lupus. Using her personal experiences, Rachelle advocates for those around her.

Her strength, determination, and energy are an inspiration to the people she serves. This women's history month I would like to take this opportunity to spotlight her positive impact in our community, and thank her for her exemplary service and advocacy.

Committee Highlights

I was proud to testify on behalf of my bill to create Male Wellness Month, aka Take Your Dad to the Doctor Day in the Senate Health Committee. HB 207 seeks to tackle the pervasive stigma that acknowledging health concerns is a sign of weakness.

This stigma has created a barrier for the men in our community to seek medical advice and treatment. This bill recognizes that regular visits to the doctor is a sign of good health. We must create an environment where seeking healthcare is considered a strength and not a weakness.

Hb 207 not only raises awareness for the condition affecting men in our communities, but also empowers the family members of our aging population to take an active role in supporting their health.

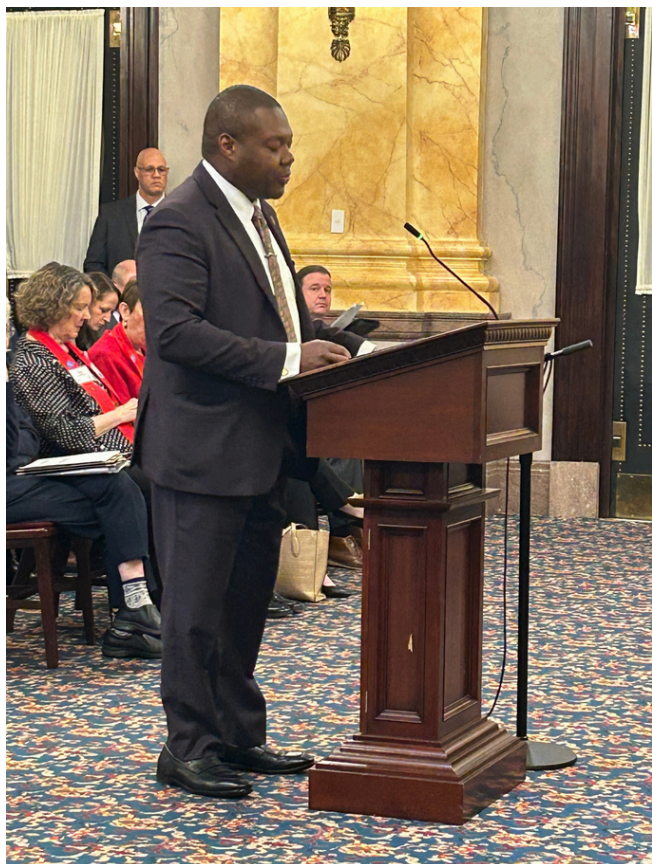
Whether that is through scheduling appointments or helping transport family members, it is critical to recognize the importance of preventative medical care which saves lives.



Pictured above and to the left, Rep Rogers testifies before the Senate Health Committee

HB 207 now awaits a vote in the Senate Health Committee. If passed it would head to the Senate floor for a final vote before heading to the Governor's desk.

Healthcare is a shared responsibility that we cannot do alone. I am proud to support this legislation along side my join sponsor Rep. Lorenz, and I look forward to continuing to work on the issue of men's wellness.



Toledo Walk for Lupus

The Lupus Foundation of America's Greater Ohio Chapter will be hosting a walk around Ottawa Park on Sunday May 17th, 2026 to raise awareness for those suffering from the condition, as well as how we can support affected individuals.

This condition disproportionately affects women and certain ethnicities. Approximately 1.5 million people in the United States suffer from the condition. However, diagnosing the condition can be difficult. Approximately 16,000 people will be diagnosed every year. It is essential to bring awareness to our community so that we can support our families and communities.



Remembering Elgin Rogers Sr.

This past month my father, Elgin Rogers Sr. passed, and I wanted to thank everyone for their kind words and regards. As a long time resident and community member of Toledo he will be missed.

He was a man of faith who deeply loved his family, community, and friends. He believed above all, in helping people. He will be remembered for his service to others, and how he inspired others to be hard-working.



Pictured above: Elgin Rogers Sr.

Photo Gallery



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