

A Legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

As we welcome the month of May, we also welcome a season of celebration across Northwest Ohio. May is a time to honor the mothers who strengthen our families on Mother's Day, recognize the brave men and women who made the ultimate sacrifice for our country on Memorial Day, and celebrate the students reaching important milestones this spring.

Our office would love to congratulate all those who have graduated this season. Whether you are graduating from high school, undergrad, or graduate school, we admire your hard work and effort towards completing your education. This accomplishment reflects discipline and perseverance, which we are confident will lead you to success in your future pursuits. We recognize all of the effort you put forth and the dedication that it took to get here, congratulations!

As always, my office is here to serve you. Please do not hesitate to reach out with any questions, concerns, or ideas. It is an honor to represent you and work alongside you in building a stronger, more united community.

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



Flag City Honor Flight

I had the pleasure of attending the Flag City Honor Flight. FCHS recognizes the honorable veterans in Northwest Ohio. FCHS is a volunteer based organization that provides Veterans with the opportunity to travel to Washington, D.C.

On this journey, veterans are able to witness memorials dedicated to their time in service. The group initiative it takes to plan these annual trips is a testament to the community's of Northwest Ohio that hold the values of patriotism dear.

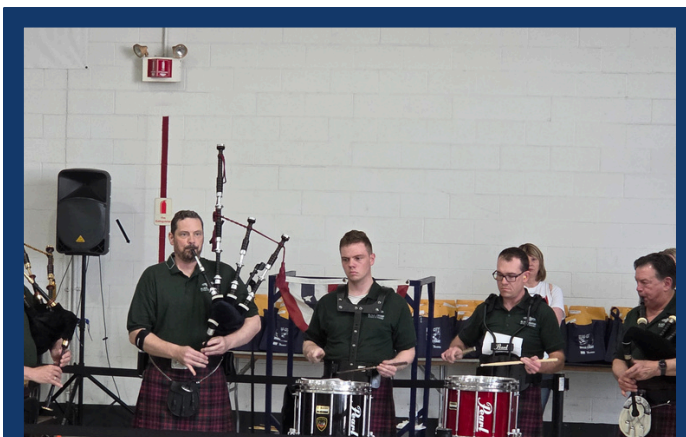
Engaging with Veterans, such as Navy Vet Terry Shanklin, it was impossible not to feel the deep sense of pride that binds this community together. Events like these are a powerful reminder of the respect and honor our veterans deserve and the lengths communities will go to show it.



Mr. Terry Shanklin & Mrs. Diane Shanklin



Mrs. Diane Shanklin with wonderful event MC



Ceremonial procession featuring drums and bagpipes



Presentation of a patriotic woven blanket by event participants

Mallard Club Wetland Restoration Ribbon Cutting

I am a proud supporter of H2Ohio and the positive results it brings to Ohio and Northwest Ohio. I was pleased to attend the Mallard Club Wetland Restoration Ribbon Cutting ceremony. The event highlighted the importance of wetland conservation and the ongoing efforts to restore and connect critical wildlife habitats in Northwest Ohio.

The restoration project represents an opportunity to invest in local ecosystems, improve water quality, and support wildlife throughout the region. During the ribbon cutting and site tour, community leaders and local conservationist gathered to recognize the collaborative work that made this project possible.



Officially opening the Mallard Club Wetland Restoration project



Guest of the Mallard Club Wetland Restoration Ribbon Cutting

Ohio Dental Association



Dental Students and Dentist from ODA meet with Rep. Rogers

I hosted members of the Ohio Dental Association, including local dentists and dental students, to discuss important issues impacting oral healthcare across Ohio.

During our conversation, we discussed topics including water fluoridation, dental therapists, dental insurance, and strengthening the dental workforce to improve access to care for families and communities.

Dental check ups are an important part of maintaining good health. Be sure to schedule your next visit with your dentist!

Toledo Trucking Association

I was honored to serve as the keynote speaker at the Toledo Trucking Association's Annual Scholarship Luncheon. Members of the TTA gathered at Inverness Country Club to celebrate student success and raise funds for the association's ongoing scholarship programs.

I am Co-Chair of the bipartisan and bicameral Ohio Trucking Caucus, the first in the country. It is my goal to listen and find ways to share information with constituents across our district and Ohio.



Attendees at TTA Luncheon

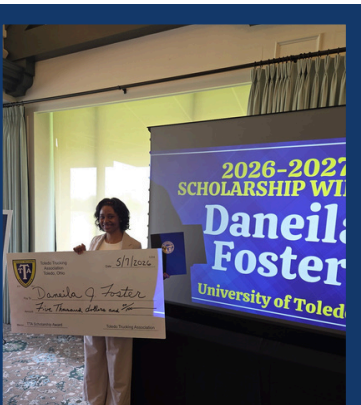


Keynote speaker Rep. Rogers

I would also like to extend my congratulations to Daniela Foster, recipient of the 2026 University of Toledo Dean Kaplan Legacy Scholarship. This achievement reflects not only hard work and dedication, but also the bright future ahead. I wish Daniela continued success in all future endeavors. Thank you to the Toledo Trucking Association for their continued commitment to supporting students. Their generosity is significantly important for students at Owens Community College, Trainco, and The University of Toledo. Moreover, contributions made shape the future of trucking not only at Toledo Trucking Association, but for communities around Ohio.



Daniela Foster with Statehouse Commendation



Daniela Foster with scholarship award check

Area Office on Aging Legislative Breakfast & Panel

I served as a panalist on the Area Office on Aging's Legislative Breakfast & Panel, where this year's theme was Property Tax Reform.

The discussion focused on Ohio's HB 186, HB 335, HB 129, and HB 309, bills designed to provide so called tax relief by capping automatic increases on rising property values. While supporters estimate these measures could provide over \$3 billion in relief to Ohioans, it has yet to be seen whether they will actually achieve that goal.



Senator Hicks-Hudson, AOA President Justin Moore, Emily Campbell, Rep. Rogers, and Kelsey Bergfeld

Breakfast for M'Lady

I was honored to attend the 2026 Breakfast for M'Lady, hosted by the Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority. During the event, I presented a distinguished group of young women with Statehouse commendations recognizing several outstanding local students for their academic achievements and future plans.

Nina Clark, Lauryn Hancock, Pay'Yon Parker, and Kennedy Powel were recognized for their hard work, leadership, and commitment to higher education as they prepare to begin the next chapter of their academic journeys.

I also congratulated Camille Harris, who was recognized as Mother of the Year, and Dawn Humphrey, who received the honor of Delta of the Year, for their dedication and service to the community.



Toledo Alumnae Chapter of Delta Sigma Theta Sorority

Committee Highlight

I was proud to testify on behalf of my bill HB 501 before the House Judiciary Committee. This legislation seeks to expand restitution eligibility for wrongfully convicted Ohioans and address gaps in current law that have prevented many exonerees from receiving the compensation they deserve.

HB 501 is about restoring trust in our judicial system and recognizing the harm caused by wrongful convictions. By expanding Ohio's definition of wrongfully incarcerated individuals, HB 501 ensures that those incarcerated as minors, individuals granted gubernatorial pardons, and those affected by Brady Rule violations have the opportunity to seek justice and monetary support as they rebuild their lives.



Rep. Rogers Speaking at Judiciary Committee

Session Highlight



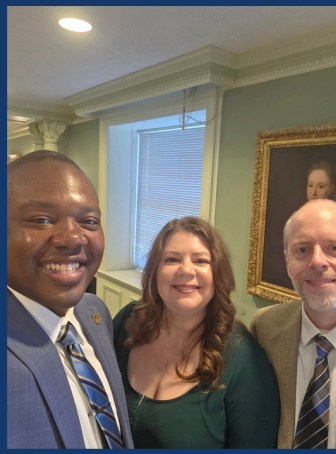
Rep. Rogers Speaking on House Floor

I recently spoke on the House floor in support of Senate Bill 223, legislation that expands access to discounts at Ohio state parks and recreational facilities for veterans and service members.

SB 223 is about honoring the sacrifices of those who served by ensuring they have greater access to affordable recreational opportunities across our state. Supporting veterans means more than words, it means creating opportunities for veterans and military families to enjoy the freedoms they defended.

I am happy to say that with a 97-0 House vote, SB 223 has passed through the Natural Resources Committee and advances toward the next stage.

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