

Dear Neighbor,

Happy New Year! I hope that you and your family enjoyed a safe and happy holiday season. As we begin the new year, please allow this legislative update to serve as a recap of some of the work that our office did in 2023. We are looking forward to continuing to serve Northwest Ohio in 2024!

Last year continued to be a busy year in our office. We have focused on making sure that all students in Ohio have access to nutritional meals at school. I want to ensure that each and every child in our state has the opportunity to succeed, and that starts with a quality breakfast and nutrition. Our office continually works to protect Ohio's workforce by advocating for safety in the workplace, good jobs, good benefits, and fair wages. We are working to make sure that Ohio and Northwest Ohio are attracting and retaining businesses that will help grow our local and state economy. We are continuing to make inroads to improve our criminal justice system by working with members on the minority and majority side of the legislature.

Our work will continue in 2024 to fight to protect seniors from overly burdensome property tax bills, to work with Ohio's veterans to improve their experiences in the delivery of Ohio's veteran services, to ensure nutritional access to meals for all of Ohio's students, to make Ohio a better place to promote business, and to ensure that Ohio's democracy remains in the hands of the citizens of Ohio. We are fighting for fairness, equity, equality, workers' rights, families, seniors, and children.

The work we are doing is made possible in conjunction with my colleagues and my Legislative Aide, Nathan, affectionately known as "Nate the Great." Most of all, we cannot and would not be able to do this without the people.

Sincerely,





Please share this QR code with anyone you know who may be interested in our newsletter!

Be sure to follow us on social media to stay up to date with the work we are doing at the Statehouse! Facebook: Representative Elgin Rogers Twitter: @RepElginRogers Instagram: @repelginrogers

Elgin Rogers, Jr.



Our office received many emails from constituents and individuals throughout the state sharing opinions on bills in the legislature. We received over 1,000 emails regarding Senate Bill 83 which would make significant changes to how higher education institutions in Ohio operate. We received over 250 emails about a variety of bills that would impact transgender Ohioans including House Bill 6, House Bill 8, House Bill 68, and House Bill 183. We also received an influx of emails following the November election from Ohioans encouraging the legislature to honor the will of the voters and to not make changes to the issues that they approved in the areas of reproductive health and recreational marijuana. Your participation helps make government work for the people. Please continue to share your thoughts with us!

Last year, I had the opportunity to represent the legislature, the State of Ohio, and the great people of District 44 at several national and regional conferences. These experiences participating in conferences and workshops help improve and develop deeper analytical understanding in the areas of energy, education, workforce development, public policy, affordable housing, economic development, senior services, constituency services, and more.

At the ballot box in 2023, we collectively defeated a constitutional amendment that would have ended majority rule in Ohio. Additionally, Ohioans approved a constitutional amendment to protect reproductive health rights. As we approach the Presidential Primary election in March and the General Election in November, please make sure that you are checking your voter registration and exercising your civic duty.





Serving meals to seniors



Awarding a recognition to Richard Lee McMorgan at the 90s Plus Spectacular event



Serving meals to seniors with Denise Niese

Year in Review Photos Continued



Supporting our workers with UAW President, Shawn Fain

Northwest Ohio Labor Day Parade



Supporting our workers on the UAW picket line



Surveying Cleveland-Cliffs Direct Reduction Facility



Northwest Ohio Labor Day Parade



Supporting our children and their educational pursuits. Rosa Parks Elemementary graduates





Ashley Cutcher, Boys & Girls Club of Toledo Youth of the Year



2023 Kid Mayor of Toledo, Gabrielle Mukiira



Andrea Price and the ladies of Alpha Kappa Alpha



Wendi Huntley, Esq. with Connecting Kids to Meals



Students from Jones Leadership Academy



Supporting our teachers and students at Woodmore Local Schools. Public education matters.



Honoring Ms. Wilma Kidd with a special recognition at the 90s Plus Spectacular



Doug Kaufman at the Wood County Senior Center



Introducing the Workforce and Safe Patient Care Act



Christmas at the Statehouse



The Governor's Holiday Party



Seneca County Site Visit to research pending legislation



Seneca County site visit



Rally for majority rule at the Statehouse



Members of the Scott High School Community at the Statehouse



Scott HS Community





Delivering a speech and meeting with the women and men in our nursing workforce



Addressing voters at the Ottawa County Voting Forum



Genoa voter forum



Rally to protect majority rule with Lucas County Commissioner Lisa Sobecki



Colonel Gary Easterly, PhD.



District 44 Town Hall



Swearing in Village of Walbridge Mayor, Ed Kolanko



National Train Day with representatives from SMART



John Esterly and members of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers and Trainmen at National Train Day



Kathleen Mattimoe with Toledo Public Schools



The message is clear



Toledo Innovation Hub roundtable



Dr. Airron Richardson, Hall of Fame inductee



Commissioner Lisa Sobecki, Toledo



Students from Miami University on their day at the Statehouse



Supporting our state's propane gas industry with Dale Aldrich from Berguist, Inc.





ALS Association Serving Northern Ohio's Lou Gehrig Day Event



Brandon, a disenfranchised voter





Our friends down in Elmore, Ohio, Mayor Quinton Babcock of Oak Harbor and Susan Mulligan



Bishop Robert Culp's retirement



Expansion of Toledo's Pepsi facility, economic development in progress



Community outreach



Tracy Cartwright and Michael Reynolds from the National Association of Financial Investors Ohio



Flight surveying with Ohio Highway Patrol





Golfing with some of my favorite retirees



City of Toledo Golf Outing



Always happy to meet new people! With fellow Ohioan Cindy Flaherty in Nashville during the National Black Caucus of State Legislators' Annual Legislative Conference



Ohio State Vs. Michigan with Coach Hutton and Ms. Dorris



Women's National Championship of boxing with Jamere Shelby, Coach Jerrick Jones, and Dr. Ornella Sathoud



Coach Dan Mclemore



Scott High School Alumni Weekend with childhood classmates



Our friends from the Toledo Museum of Art