



A legislative update from  
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**From the desk of Rep. Rogers**

Dear Neighbor,

Happy June! We have plenty of important updates and tips to share this month. Stay informed and engaged with your community.

As we face a major heat wave, it is essential to stay safe and cool. Remember to stay hydrated and try to stay indoors during peak heat hours (10 AM—4 PM). If your home becomes too hot, please visit air-conditioned public places, such as the Toledo Lucas County Public Libraries and the Area Office on Aging. Your safety is our priority. Let's take care of ourselves and each other during this heat wave.

On June 19th, we observed Juneteenth. Juneteenth is an opportunity to celebrate African American people, our culture, history, and our ongoing contributions in the tireless fight for equality, democracy, freedom, and justice. What better time to reflect upon the past while crafting a bigger and brighter future.

Also, we are thrilled to welcome my new legislative aide, Ciara Wallace. Ciara holds a BA in Political Science from Kent State University and is deeply committed to serving her community and District 44. She volunteers at the Empowerment Center of Columbus and is a young adult leader at her church. Her dedication to public service and community engagement makes her a valuable addition to my team.

Thank you for your continued support and engagement. Your calls, emails, and participation have been instrumental in guiding our work.

Please contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns at [rep44@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep44@ohiohouse.gov) or call (614) 466-1401.

Sincerely,

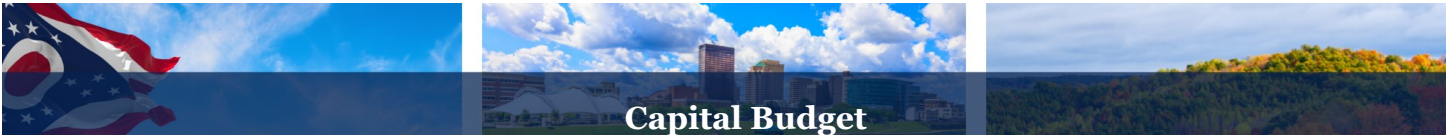
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Rep. Rogers and Legislative Aide Nate at the Ohio Fire Academy



Ciara Wallace, the Legislative Aide to Rep. Rogers (House District 44)



**Capital Budget**

We passed the biennial state capital budget, in both the Ohio House of Representatives & Senate passed on Wednesday, June 26. The record-setting \$6.2B investment funds state-owned infrastructure, colleges, universities, school districts, and other community projects.

Securing \$31.1 for our district overall marks a record level of funding that has not been achieved before and we could not be more proud.

We are still working to secure funding for more projects. Thank you to everyone who contributed to make this happen, including my colleagues, legislative collaborators, and my partners outside of legislation.

Below you will find the projects and the amount of funding they received in our district.

<b>Project Name</b>	<b>Amount</b>
Lucas County Seawall and River Edge Reconstruction Project	\$4,250,000
Toledo Innovation Center	\$3,000,000
Toledo YWCA Domestic Shelter Project	\$2,000,000
Toledo Fire and Rescue Department Facility Repairs	\$1,600,000
Ottawa Park Revitalization Phase 1	\$950,000
Imagination Station; Toledo Science Center World of Discovery Exhibit	\$750,000
Pre-Medical and Health Science Academy at Mercy College	\$500,000
Toledo School for the Performing Arts Replacement Windows	\$500,000
Toledo Museum of Art Glass Pavilion	\$500,000
Toledo YWCA Domestic Shelter Project	\$500,000
Walbridge Railway Park Improvements	\$300,000
Toledo Hensville Entertainment District	\$250,000
National Museum of the Great Lakes Second Wave Expansion	\$200,000
Valentine Theater Renovations	\$150,000
OhioGuidestone Youth and Family Resiliency Center	\$150,000
Lucas County Juvenile Justice Center/Youth Treatment Center Upgrades	\$100,000
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$15,700,000</b>



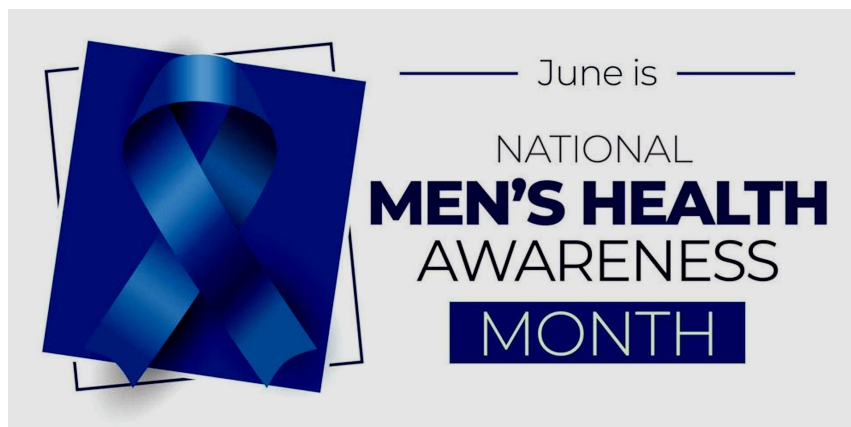
House Bill (HB) 234, also known as the Alford Plea, passed the House unanimously and had its first hearing in the Senate Judiciary Committee.

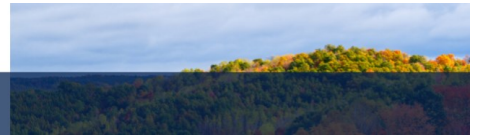
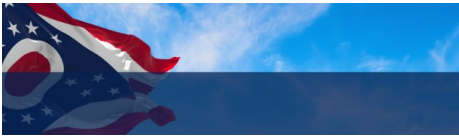
I want to thank Nate Kolenda, my former legislative aide, for his help with this bill. His hard work has been incredibly valuable and does not go unnoticed.

I also want to thank Ciara Wallace, my new legislative aide, for preparing me for the first Senate hearing on this bill.



June is Men's Health Month, a crucial time to focus on the health and well-being of men in our community. Regular check-ups, a balanced diet, exercise, and mental health care are key to living a long, healthy life. Men need to know the common threats to aging, including heart disease, prostate cancer, depression, and diabetes. June serves as a reminder for men to have regular screenings. Let's encourage the men in our lives to take proactive steps towards better health and raise awareness for our father, brothers, sons, and friends. If you or someone you know needs access to FREE mental health resources, invite them to call NAMI Greater Toledo at 419-419-243-1119





## Congratulations Nate

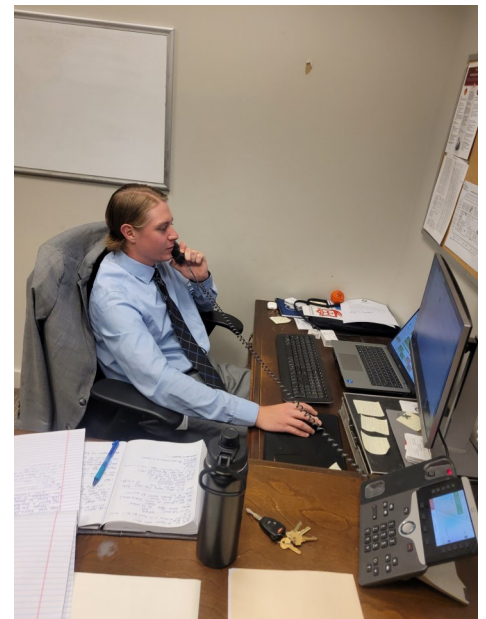
Lastly, we want to end off by saying congratulations to Nate Kolenda, my former aide, on his new role at Office of Budget and Management. He is a great public servant and served the our district very well. I just want to thank him for all of the hard work he put into our district as it does not go unnoticed. We wish him all the best in his future endeavors.



Nate at the Lake TWP Fire Dept. Vehicle Extraction Class



Nate getting ready for Committee



Nate in his office working for the district



Photo Gallery

Rep. Rogers at the Opening Day event for the Lake T-ball Association. He gave the first pitch to start off their season.



Rep. Rogers handing out goodie bags to the players for their participation



Rep. Rogers with the Mayor of the Village of Walbridge, Edward Kolanko and his children.



Rep. Rogers shaking hands with the team's Coach



## Photo Gallery– Kids for Elgin



Rep. Rogers with Kids for Elgin as they are ready to represent him at the parade. They are his greatest supporters and he appreciates their commitment.

Caleb, Amir, and Sania getting ready to march in the parade.

