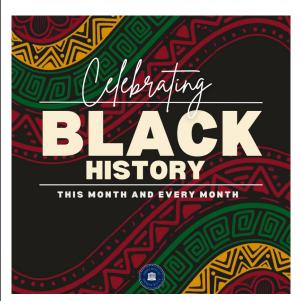




Dear Neighbor,

Happy February 2025! Welcome to the 136th General Assembly! On January 17, 2025 legislative committees were announced and committee appointments have been assigned. I have been appointed to serve on the following committees: Ways and Means, Transportation, Energy, and Natural Resources. I am the ranking member on Natural resources committee - which means that I am the leader of my caucus serving on in this committee. Work has begun on various bills that will be debated and voted on in committee as well as on the floor of the House. We are feverishly working on the two-year operating budget (biennium budget). This budget provides financing and direction for all of the state's agencies and operations. During this period, we will listen to and hear from various departments, agencies, organizations, and individuals. We will hear their proposals on why we should support the Governor's budget. We will have an opportunity to offer input through our questions, testimony, and by providing amendments.

I remain committed to working to improve the lives of all Ohioans by fighting for access to quality senior services, affordable childcare, public education, good jobs with good benefits, quality healthcare, and lower property taxes. Property taxes are a hot topic item and it is up to the legislature to find a way to grant relief to seniors and homeowners. It is important to note that property values & taxes are assessed by the county auditor and collected by the county treasurer. The monies collected are used to pay for many of the services community receive like schools, parks, libraries, senior centers etc...





Agriculture Day 2025 at the Ohio Statehouse

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As many of you are aware – I have a longstoried history serving and helping homeowners and businesses understand and address their property tax burdens. I have discussed and sat with families all across Northwest Ohio helping them access property tax credits and discounts. If you are experiencing any frustration or have questions regarding your property taxes, please call your County Auditor. There is a process where you can contest the Auditor's valuation of your property. This process in known as going through the Board of Revisions. It is simple and will provide you with an opportunity to show why you believe that your property's assessment should be adjusted. The staff at your county Auditor's office can help walk you through the process. If you have any issues or questions please contact my office after working with the Auditor's office.



Recognizing Community Difference Makers

As you aware – we are living in unprecedented times and now is the time to ask questions and to work together to solve issues that face our communities. My office is working on several initiatives to ensure that the legislature is addressing the needs of our community. If there are ideas or suggestions that you have please share with my office by emailing rep42@ohiohouse.gov or by calling our office at 614-466-1401. My office is here to help and that is not a cliché. If there are events, programs or special occasions that you know about please share them with my office at rep42@ohiohouse.gov. I am only successful in this role with the help of each of you. Please do not hesitate to share information. I will do my best to fulfill requests to participate and/or attend your events. We must continue to encourage each other and remember that we are a great community because of both our differences and our common cords of compassion, love for people and our resilience.



Rep. Rogers, Jr. and Lt. Governor Jim Tressel



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My work on the following House legislative committees is underway - Ways and Means, Transportation, Energy, and Natural Resources. These committees review and make decisions regarding very important day to day activities of each Ohioan. The legislation we study and consider for passage affects property taxes, road construction, energy rates, use of public lands and so much more. Therefore, it is important that I hear from you and know your thoughts on the various issues being presented in the legislature. I am doing my best to ensure that the proposed legislation that aims to take away services for seniors and that takes resources away from homeowners do not become law. The money that the state receives from working single mothers and lower middleclass families negatively impacts their ability to buy a home, pay for child care, and/or invest in business opportunities. With your help, we can have expanded services for seniors like the expansion of the homestead tax credit to all seniors. Additionally, with your help we can help improve the quality of life for all Ohioans.

Finally, House districts changed between the 135th and 136th General Assemblies. Please ensure you still reside in my district by going to https://ohiohouse.gov/members/district-map to confirm your House district! Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,





Student-staff member Rayvon assisting the Representative with his daily tasks

House Democrats Celebrate Black History Month

Happy Black History Month! Ohio House Democrats are in Columbus fighting for equality and justice. It is our mission to ensure that Ohioans of all races, ethnicities, sexualities, gender expressions, religions, classes, and backgrounds are treated with respect and given the tools needed to succeed.

This month is a time to celebrate and recognize the rich contributions, achievements, and resilience of Black individuals throughout history. It serves as a crucial reminder of the struggles and triumphs of the Black community, highlighting the impact on culture, science, politics, and every facet of society. It encourages dialogue and a collective reflection on the ongoing journey toward racial equality.

Ohio House Democrats are committed to creating a state that can better provide for all of its residents. That is why we are advocating for criminal justice reform, access to healthcare, support for small businesses, and affordable housing. Democrats are fighting to improve the cost of living so that Ohio is a welcoming, safe.

Please Join

State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.





























