

Dear Neighbor,

Happy April! Last month, we turned our attention to the 2025 State of the State address. We will be hard at work to guarantee that Ohioans are supported and have the ability to thrive here in Ohio. I am committed to putting people first. When we put People First, we are putting Ohioans at the center of every decision. We are focusing on the issues that matter most: better pay, better healthcare, fairer taxes, safer communities, affordable housing, real opportunities, and a secure economic future.

April is National Minority Health Month, a time to focus on the health disparities in minority communities across the state and country. Latina and Black women are more likely to be diagnosed with breast cancer at a later stage than white women. In addition, infant mortality rates among Black Americans and Native groups are higher than other racial or ethnic groups in the United States. Improving healthcare in minority communities is one of the most important issues facing our state. I will continue to support quality, equitable healthcare so that everyone, no matter their zip code, can thrive here in Ohio.

Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns. Sincerely,

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Elgin Rogers Jr. State Representative Ohio House District 42



Last month, I introduced a bill (H.B. 207) establishing June as Male Wellness Month, and the third Monday in June as "Take Your Dad to the Doctor and Dentist Day," also known as DAD Day. You cannot buy great health, but you can protect it through preventative care. Be sure to visit all your doctors annually for preventative care.



The week of April 11–17 is Black Maternal Health Week. Black mothers are 3x more likely to die from pregnancy-related complications compared to white women. We must address this injustice by removing the barriers many Black mothers face to receiving quality healthcare.





Children's Hunger Alliance Advocacy Day

It was a pleasure meeting with representatives from Children's Hunger Alliance. They came to the Statehouse to advocate for policies addressing Ohio's hunger and food insecurity. I greatly appreciate them keeping me informed.



Ohio Federation of Business & Professional Women

The Ohio Federation of Business and Professional Women (BPW) is a dynamic and empowering organization that plays a crucial role in advancing the professional and personal development of women across the state. By providing a platform for networking, mentorship, and leadership opportunities, BPW fosters a supportive environment where women can thrive in their careers and communities. It was a pleasure to meet with some of their members as they advocated for all Ohio women at the Statehouse.



Ohio Optometric Association

A member of the Ohio Optometric Association, along with a group of senior optometry students, came to visit me. We discussed the importance of eye care and the impact that current legislation will have on these students' future careers in Ohio.



Ohio Association of Community Health Centers

I had the opportunity to meet with members of the Ohio Association of Community Health Centers to discuss critical issues surrounding healthcare access in underserved communities. We talked about the importance of funding for community health centers and the need for policy improvements to ensure all Ohioans have affordable, quality care. I am particularly in favor of ensuring that Ohio's elders can age with grace and dignity.







YWCA Milestones

The Young Women's Christian Association of North West Ohio celebrated its 30th annual Milestones. The Milestones are a tribute women, honoring their exceptional work within their communities. The event serves to not only recognize individuals but to also motivate others by showcasing the impact of the work of local women. Thank you to YWCA President & CEO Lisa McDuffie for hosting this event, and thank you to all of this year's honorees for the amazing work you have done, and will continue to do in your respective fields.





The Owens Community College Dental Hygienist Students

The Owens Community College Dental Hygienist students came to the state house to discuss fluoride. Fluoride is a naturally occurring mineral found in water that helps prevent tooth decay, many people consume and benefit from Fluorite in their drinking water. Paige, Macy, and Cierra (photographed above) are the students that helped highlight the importance of dental care, compelling me to add the dentist to my Male Wellness Bill (H.B. 207) that creates "Take Your Dad to the Doctor and Dentist Day".

MALE WELLNESS BREAKFAST

HOSTED BY: ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH

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NO COST TO ATTEND



SATURDAY MAY 31, 2025



TIME 10:00AM - NOON



ST. MARK BAPTIST CHURCH 2340 N. HOLLAND SYLVANIA RD. **TOLEDO, OH 43615**



Rep. Elgin Rogers Jr.

Topic Of Discussion

Join State Representative Elgin Rogers Jr., Reverend Curley L. Johnson, and a group of health professionals' to discuss male wellness, mental health, and Ohio House Bill 207 which designates June as male wellness month. All are welcome.

Photo Gallery























