



A Legislative update from
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Dear Neighbor,

I hope that the month of October is treating you well. As we enter the beginning of fall, I want to recognize some important dates and events.

October is the first full month back from summer recess, and I have been hard at work fighting for Ohioans. Earlier this week, I introduced a bill to amend Ohio's victim compensation law to allow for wrongfully convicted individuals who take Alford pleas, who receive gubernatorial pardons, or who are minors to apply to receive compensation. Currently law excludes these groups from eligibility for compensation. My bill simply grants them eligibility, putting Ohio on par with other states in the nation.

I also testified before the Senate Transportation Committee about my bill to dedicate a portion of Interstate 280 as the SSG Jack W Coy Veterans Memorial Highway. SSG Coy gave his life defending his country during WWII. His aircraft was shot down over Gotha, Germany, and he was one of six crew members who tragically passed away. SSG Coy's story was brought to our attention by the Coy family, specifically Mr. Coy's great niece Shawnelle Johns who provided a DNA sample for forensic testing, which resulted in Mr. Coy being identified with 99% accuracy. This memorial highway is not just about one man; it is a recognition of the courage of all who have served. It is a reminder to current and future generations of what it means to serve something greater than oneself, and that your heroism will not go unnoticed.

As we all know, the rising cost of property taxes is a critical economic issue for Ohioans. Homeowners are searching for answers and are rightfully frustrated, feeling the squeeze of higher property tax bills. House Democrats have solutions! No one wants to pay more than their fair share in taxes. That's why tax-shifting is unfair. It funds giveaways for the wealthiest few and cuts to local communities, shifting taxes away from the state onto local homeowners. It doesn't have to be this way! Together, we can support policies and leaders to unrig Ohio's tax system, so the state stops shifting the tax responsibility onto homeowners and local communities.

If there is anything my office can do to help you, please send an email to Rep42@ohiohouse.gov or call my office at (614) 466-1401. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.
State Representative
Ohio House District 42



Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make sure you register to vote for the upcoming November 4th election, where we will vote to determine our future. Make your voice heard!

Here are some additional dates that might be helpful:

- October 6: Voter registration deadline
- October 7: Early in-person & absentee voting begins
- October 28: Absentee ballot applications must be received by your board of elections by 8:30 pm.
- November 4: Election Day (Polls open 6:30 am-7:30 pm)

Need to check your status? Register at: voteohio.gov

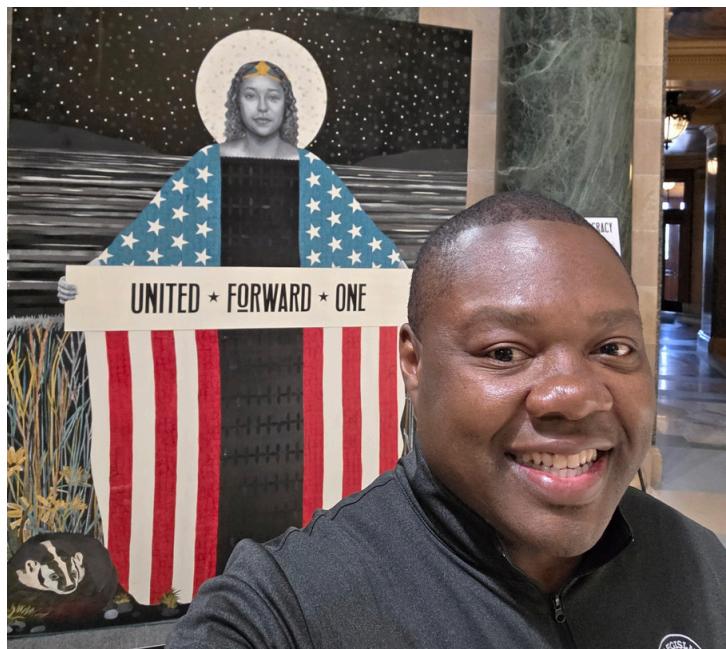


Toledo Labor Day Parade

I had the honor of walking in the annual Labor Day parade. Organized labor has helps countless workers in this state and beyond build the lives that families dream about. I appreciated meeting and talking with women and men about their families and how much they love the work that they do. It was really touching to hear firsthand how having a great paying job with safe working conditions has impacted families for generations.

Sheet Metal Workers Golf Outing





Bowhay Institute for Leadership Development

I had the honor of attending The Bowhay Institute's leadership development program. The program is designed to help newer legislators develop the skills necessary to become effective leaders, informed decision-makers, and astute policy analysts. The annual program offers a unique opportunity for lawmakers to improve their leadership skills and explore the issues of the day with nationally renowned scholars, professional development experts, and legislative leaders and colleagues from across the region. I was able to meet legislators from across the Midwest, discussing leadership, policy, and how to help our region of the country.

Around the District



Mr. Lance Chaney boxing Coach



New Homeowners Heath and Kristie



Congratulations to Bruce Baumhower
retired jeep local 12 president. Jeep Fest.



UAW President Shawn Fain



Golden Bulldog Brunch with
Mr. Dwayne Lamb



Labor day Parade



Fight Night with classmate Mrs. Greene
"Go Bulldogs"



Judy Savage MLK
food pantry



You never know who you'll see at Jeep Fest



Jeep Fest with Dear Friend Cindy from
Sunshine Communities



Educator and Hall of Famer
Ted Jobe



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