



A Legislative update from

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Hello Neighbor!

I hope that you are well and that the sun is shining upon you and your loved ones. As you know the month of November ushers in change. We will set our clocks back for daylight saving time, and we will feel the chilly weather that comes with the fall season. Now is the best time to check your smoke and carbon monoxide detectors. Be sure to change your **batteries** in those detectors. **DO NOT DELAY!** If you hear a beep, don't be cheap - inspect and change the **batteries and/or detector if needed**. **DO not delay!** If you are in need of new smoke detectors and/or carbon monoxide detectors, please contact your local fire department and/or nearest hardware store. Smoke detectors are early warning devices that save countless families and individuals each day. Please make it a priority to check and replace your batteries and detectors as the weather is forecast to become bitterly cold.

As we journey through the month of November and prepare to celebrate Thanksgiving with our family and friends, please remember to be thankful. Take a moment to think about all the good you have in your life. Additionally, please take a moment to observe those affected by the government shutdown and the ongoing workers' strike at the Libbey Glass factory. They are hard workers asking for fair wages, benefits, and safe working conditions. As you are aware, millions of Americans are being affected, and many are not receiving payment from the federal government due to the government shutdown. Additionally, many families are facing food shortages due to the temporary pause in Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (SNAP) benefits. In Lucas County, nearly 72,000 individuals will not receive SNAP benefits due to the shutdown.

Unfortunately, more than 31,500 children in Lucas County will be impacted. The federal shutdown in Washington, D.C., has overextended healthcare for millions of Americans, and is reportedly a contributing factor to the shutdown's continuation. The federal shutdown has adversely impacted the state of Ohio, where nearly 1.4 million SNAP recipients live. Please reach out to my office if you are aware of any individuals or families in need. I am collaborating with several local pantries, kitchens, and nonprofits to ensure that people have access to food during this time.

My Democratic colleagues in the Ohio House and in Lucas County are working to ensure that local food banks are provided with additional resources to help the children and families impacted locally and across the state of Ohio. The notion that children and expectant mothers will go hungry is heart-wrenching. However, we must remember how we got here... We must inform our families, friends, and neighbors that every vote counts. It is time to look out for your best interest and become an willing participant in each local election. Local elections play a crucial role in determining which programs are funded and which are not. Local elections enable voters to choose individuals who will represent them, regardless of their location within the state. Remember to vote on Election Day, Tuesday, November 4th. There are several important issues and contests for us all to consider and vote on. Do your homework and ask yourself, "Who best understands the needs of your life?" before voting. Let's make Ohio work for us again!

As I conclude, please understand that the movement to abolish and eliminate property taxes will only exacerbate the situation. Especially, since the proponents of the plan do not have a real solution to replace the \$20 billion of revenue that will be eliminated. No viable plan has been presented that can generate the \$20 billion needed to fund not only schools but also essential services such as police and fire services.

My democratic colleagues and I have introduced and presented solutions that would help ease the property tax burden for most Ohioans. The proposals we have presented to the Republican majority have been repeatedly rejected. They have made the decision to give increasingly larger tax breaks to the wealthiest Ohioans. Democrats have proposed circuit breaker legislation that will provide relief to those who need it most - including our seniors.

I will continue to work and fight to help those who need it. As you spend time with your family, please remember those who are struggling and looking for help. For many people, a warm smile can heal and melt the coldest of hearts. May you continue to be KIND, and I look forward to connecting with you soon! If there is anything my office can do to help you, please send an email to [rep42@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep42@ohiohouse.gov) or call my office at (614) 466-1401. I look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,



**Elgin Rogers, Jr.**

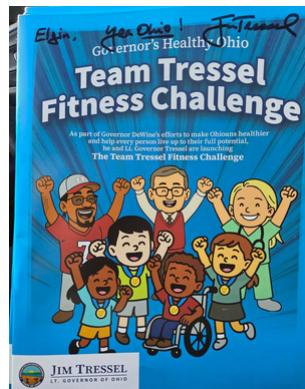
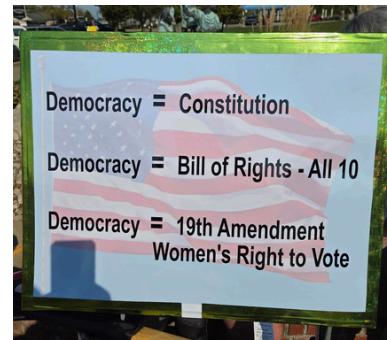
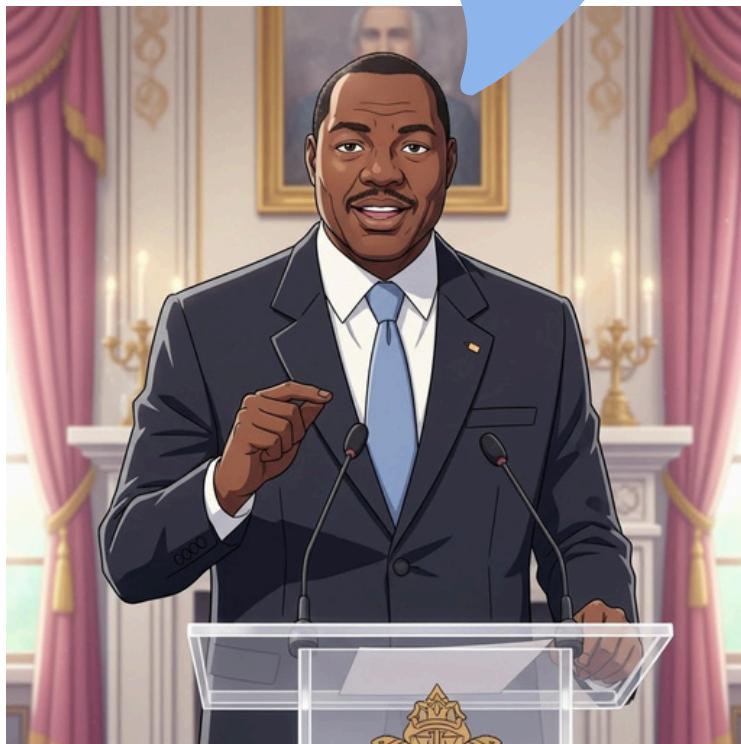
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# Around the District



Happy Thanksgiving! I am grateful today and every day for all of you!



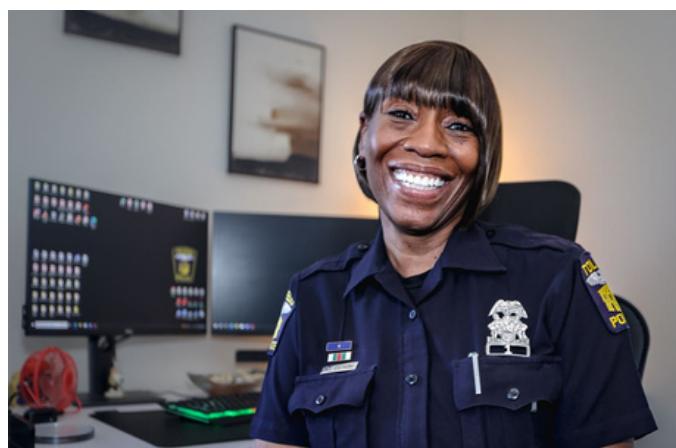
# District Shoutouts



## Happy Veterans Day

### Special Shoutout: Lou Diamond Marines Detachment

This month, we say Happy Veterans Day! We shoutout and honor the brave men and women who have selflessly served our nation and protected the freedoms we cherish. Their courage, sacrifice, and unwavering commitment remind us of the highest ideals of service. When you see a veteran, thank them!



## Congratulations Officer Melissa Stephens

This month, we proudly shoutout and recognize Officer Melissa Stephens for her nearly 32 years of exceptional service with the Toledo Police Department (TPD). From earning Badge No. 1 to leading wellness programs for homebound seniors, she continues to embody leadership, compassion, and unwavering commitment to public safety. Officer Stephens' dedication reflects the very best of our city and our community at large. We thank her for her integrity, resilience, and steadfast service to Toledo.

## Happy 75<sup>th</sup> Birthday

### Willia Ashford

We proudly shoutout and celebrate Ms. Willia Ashford on her 75<sup>th</sup> birthday, a milestone that reflects a life defined by faith, family, and service to her community.

# Around the District



Opening Prayer: Ohio Statehouse



Pastor Arnold and First Lady Arnold Give Opening Prayer



Richard Payne and the Disability Center



Albert Earl Visits Columbus



Honoring the Morrissey Family and Fallen Workers



Celebrating our Centenarians



Dr. Helen Cook Receives NAACP Award



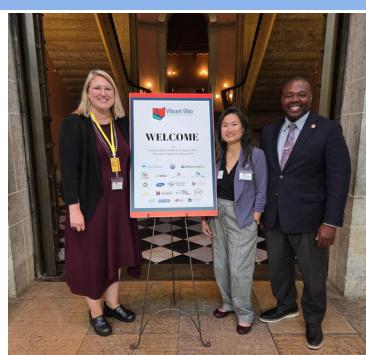
Honoring and Celebrating Ms. Roberts, our Centenarian



Anne Vogel  
Regional Director of the EPA



NAACP Youth Leaders



Brittany Ford and Melly Douglass  
Vibrant Ohio



Bo Chilton Working to end homelessness  
in Ohio