



A legislative update from
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From the desk of Rep. Rogers

Dear Neighbor,

Happy May! Now is a great time to check your voter registration before you begin to enjoy the summer weather. We are focused on continued efforts to better engage more young people, especially our graduating high school seniors, to participate in the civic process by getting registered to vote and learning about upcoming elections. Voting is one of the most fundamental rights that we have. Make your voice heard!

This May, we are recognizing and celebrating our educators in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week. We would like to sincerely thank all of our educators and school staff who work hard each and every day to ensure our children and students are receiving the best education and care possible. That is why we support legislation to guarantee that every Ohioan, no matter where they live, has a quality education. In the most recent operating budget, we worked to deliver a major win for education by continuing to fund the Fair School Funding Plan that will invest more money in our public schools. Additionally, our office has cosponsored legislation to raise the minimum base teacher salary in the state of Ohio from \$35,000 to \$50,000. Thank you, teachers, administrators, and staff, for all you do!

Recently we were excited to see our legislation, House Bill 234 which makes commonsense changes to the manner that Alford Pleas are sentenced, pass the House by a vote of 90 - 0. This legislation is a great example of bipartisan criminal justice reform. We look forward to seeing House Bill 234 eventually pass the Senate and land on the Governor's desk!

Please contact my office with any questions, comments, or concerns.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.

Register to Vote!
Make your voice heard

Please update your voter registration if you have moved. Be sure that you have a state issued photo ID and/or a valid driver's license in preparation for the upcoming November election. Follow the QR code above to make your voice heard in the next upcoming election! You can also get information on how to register in person at any Toledo Lucas County Public Library, the Bureau of Motor Vehicles (BMV) office, and your County Board of Elections office.



On Memorial Day, we honor the courage and bravery of the Americans who gave the ultimate sacrifice to ensure that we are the land of freedom, dignity, and opportunity.



Nurses Week

May 6th—12th was National Nurses Week. While this was a great opportunity to recognize the lifesaving work of the nurses in Ohio and around the country, we should extend our gratitude more often than a single week of the year. In recognition of all the work that our nurses do and the challenges that they face, I have introduced House Bill 285, the Workforce and Safe Patient Care Act.

I recently had the opportunity to present Sponsor Testimony on House Bill 285 to the House Health Provider Services Committee to give an overview of this legislation and why it is necessary.

This legislation is critical to support both the patients and nurses in the state of Ohio. By creating a loan to grant program for nurses that stay in our great state after school and establishing minimum nurse to patient ratios, we address patient safety and issues with the nursing workforce. Research has indicated that for every additional patient a nurse takes on, fatality rates increase by 7%.

Please join us in supporting this critical pro-patient, pro-worker legislation until it reaches the Governor's desk!

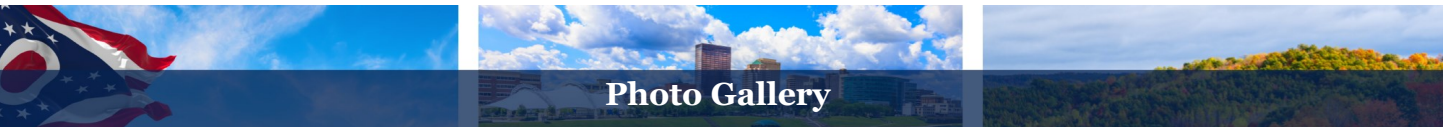
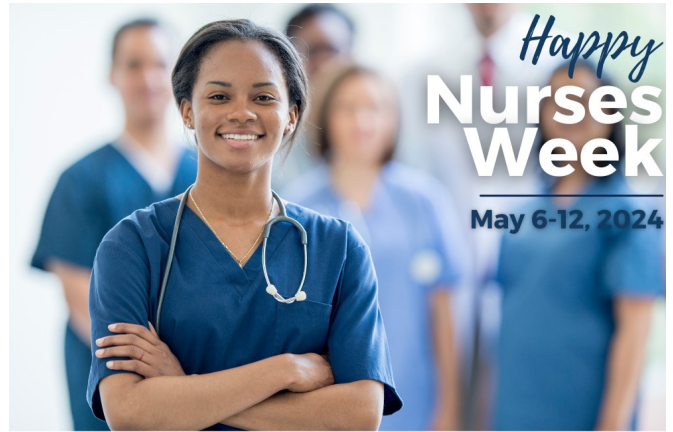


Photo Gallery



With Reps. Jarrells and Blackshear before Session



Pastor Derek A. Arnold's 30th Pastoral Appreciation



On the House floor during Session



Addressing nurses during a safe staffing rally



Vehicle extrication class with the Lake Township Fire Department