



A legislative update from  
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**From the desk of Rep. Rogers**

Dear Neighbor,

I hope that this message finds you well. Please allow this legislative update to provide you with information on the work we are doing at the Statehouse, resources, and events.

Thank you to the over 200 people that attended *An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.* It was a tremendous success that included fun, facts, and great food. Invitations to *An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.* were mailed over two weeks ago, we are looking into why the invitations arrived late after the date of the event. We did everything in our capacity to notify the community and residents with newspaper ads, press releases, social media posts, phone calls, and more. It was truly an outstanding event and great experience for all.

**Following the Money - One Time Strategic Funding**

Last month, the Ohio House passed [House Bill \(HB\) 2](#), which would appropriate over \$15M of state funds for economic development and community investments in Northwest Ohio. **HB 2** includes funding for the Northwest Ohio YWCA's Women's Shelter, the Wood County Committee on Aging, the Ottawa County Workforce Hub and Center for Career Advancement, and more. I will continue to advocate for improvements to the Village of Walbridge's Railway Park in the next phase of the Capital Budget. House Bill 2 now awaits action in the Senate.

We are continuing our work fighting for teachers, workers, and everyday people. I recently Cosponsored House Bill 411 to increase the minimum base teacher salary in Ohio from \$35,000 to \$50,000. I also introduced House Bill 442 to require that public parking meters have the option to pay via cash, coin, or credit card in order to maintain parking accessibility for those who do not have the ability to own a smartphone and those that are less familiar with new technology .

**Northwest Ohio Day**

Please join us for Northwest Ohio Day on Wednesday, April 10th at the Statehouse. Northwest Ohio Day will feature a meeting with Representative Rogers, a tour of the Statehouse, and viewing of the Ohio House of Representatives session. To sign up, please email our office at [rep44@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:rep44@ohiohouse.gov) or call (614) 466-1401.

Sincerely,

Elgin Rogers, Jr.

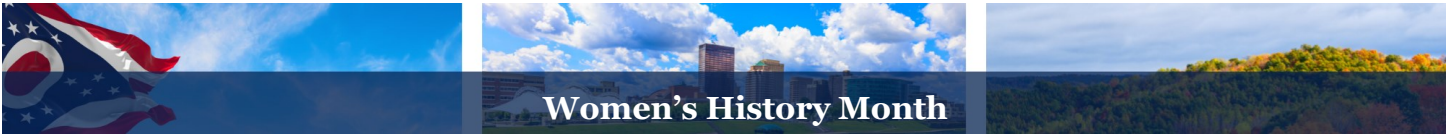
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The second full week of March is Ohio Agriculture Week. We appreciate and support Ohio's agricultural workers who keep our state fed and healthy. Ensuring our state can grow nutritious, affordable and sustainable food will allow us to remain competitive in the future.



Polish dinner in Oregon, Ohio. The food was excellent!



# Women's History Month



## Women's History Month

These women have been selected because they are local, national, and global difference makers. There are so many women that we would have liked to feature but it would have been voluminous. It has been an honor to work with and learn from each of these ladies. They are leaders in their fields, they are brilliant, courageous, resilient, gritty, compassionate, and admired. Being a difference maker requires making a sacrifice, and being of service to others. Please join me in honoring these women.

## Women's History Month Difference Makers



Diane Shankland,  
Retired Educator



Brenda Hill, Public Servant  
and Retired Educator



Dr. Tracee Perryman, Co-  
founder and CEO of  
Center of Hope Family  
Services



Michele Miller, Community  
Activist and Agricultural  
Advocate



Elinor Ostrom, my former  
Professor and the first woman  
to receive the Nobel Prize in  
Economics




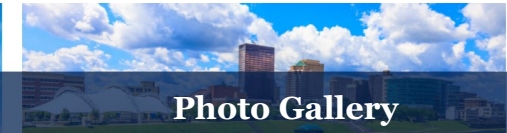
Munira Abdullahi, State  
Representative, Ohio House  
District 9



Paula Verhoff, my former 7th  
and 8th Grade Social Studies  
Teacher



Susan Mulligan,  
Community Activist


# Photo Gallery



The students at Woodward High School and Play Director/Theater Teacher Mr. Jenkins after their performance of *If you Look Through my Eyes you Would See Courage*



House Minority Leader Allison Russo



Lucas County Commissioner Lisa Sobecki



Dave Katora of Cleveland, my Kent State Wrestling teammate! You never know who you are going to see! Seeing my friend made my day on my drive to Columbus!



Addressing the crowd at *An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.*



Village of Elmore Mayor, Tom Jackson

Photo Gallery



Black History Month Difference Maker honorees



An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.



Fielding questions from attendees



Fred Hall at An Evening with State Representative Elgin Rogers, Jr.



Listening to feedback from District residents