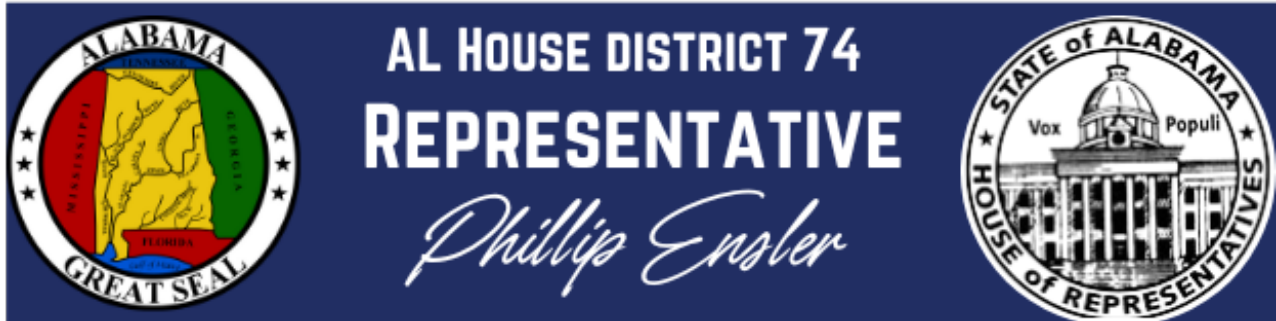


What We Accomplished Together



2024 Legislative Session Recap

Dear Family, Friends, and Supporters:

The 2024 Alabama state legislative session concluded last week and we are now adjourned until next year. Between now and then I will continue working hard on solutions to real problems and to engage with residents in town halls, neighborhood meetings, school gatherings, one-on-one coffees and so much more.

Below is a brief recap of what we achieved during the legislative session. I say "we" because I could not have done it without your input, support, and encouragement along the way.

While we did not secure every legislative victory that we sought, we certainly have some progress and victories to be proud of.

While there were some positive outcomes, there were also some very

disappointing laws that passed that are setbacks for our state.

Here is a recap of what we accomplished together and the work that lies ahead.

All my best,

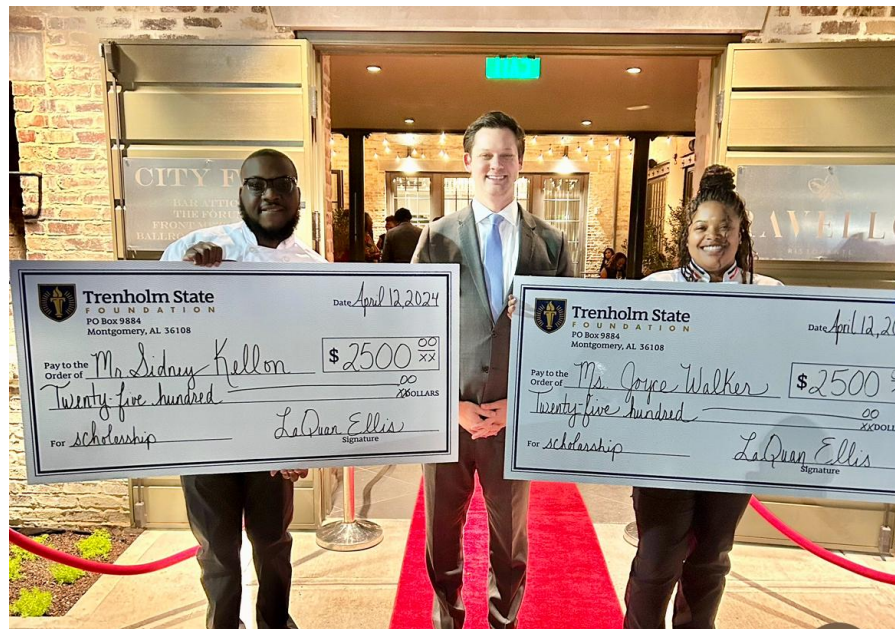
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Community College and Higher Education Funding

The 2024 – 2025 education budget includes almost \$30 million in funds for community colleges to make capital improvements. I am excited that **Trenholm State Community College can apply for these funds to help with the development of its new Healthcare Training Facility located in District 74!** This site will house all Health Sciences programs that Trenholm State offers.

It was a pleasure to recently attend Trenholm's scholarship gala with so many elected colleagues and community leaders to support culinary arts students.

Additionally, the state budget includes community service grants in which I will contribute funds towards Trenholm and the Alabama State University to support their students and programs.



Pre-K through High School Educational Grants

The community service grants in the state budget includes **tens of thousands of dollars that I will distribute to pre-k through 12th grade schools that serve the students of District 74 and Montgomery.**

These funds will help support Youth in Government programs, debate leagues, music and band programs, and so much more that enriches and empowers our young people. These funds also help support programming and appreciation for our hard-working educators.

The highlight of my work as a legislator is visiting schools and supporting our students!



Addressing Gun Violence: Creating Safer Communities for All

Addressing gun violence is the most pressing issue to residents of District 74. They have pleaded with me to take some action to try and reduce some of the dangers and tragic loss of life from guns.

That is why I fiercely sought a ban on pistols converted into machine guns using trigger activators or "Glock switches". We made tremendous and historic progress by passing this bill out of the House, through a Senate committee, and then getting it on the Senate calendar. Unfortunately the

Senate ended up not voting on it as time ran out in the session. I had earned a majority of senate votes to pass the bill -- it simply fell victim to other unrelated bills, disputes, and timing.

I will once again put together a bipartisan coalition -- along with staunch law enforcement support -- to bring this bill again next session. While it will not stop every act of gun violence, it can stop some of the most deadly instances.

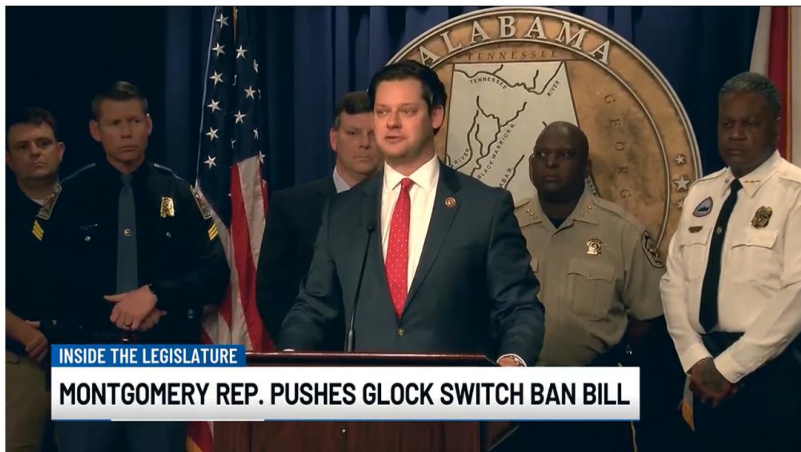
With that said, we did secure some very important measures to address gun violence, including:

Hospital-Based Intervention Programs to treat gunshot victims and help intervene to prevent retaliatory shootings.

Conflict Resolution funding to go to Montgomery Public Schools for the second year of a pilot program to help teach students ways to resolve conflicts in a non-violent way.

Violence/Crime Intervention funding in the budget to help identify students with disciplinary issues and intervene to help prevent them from getting caught up in the criminal justice system.

Alabama law enforcement support glock switch ban bill



A bill that would ban devices that convert handguns into machine guns is being supported by law enforcement officers across Alabama.

My Bills Signed Into Law

I am thrilled that Governor Ivey **signed into law two bills that I sponsored** that received overwhelming bipartisan support. The first expands protections to United States Postal Service letter carriers in the state. It was a pleasure collaborating with mail men and women in District 74 on this effort.

The second will help deter and hold accountable fake bomb and mass shooting threats. Unfortunately such situations are occurring more frequently in the state and are tremendous strain on law enforcement resources.



Holocaust Remembrance and Education

As the only Jewish member of the legislature, I am especially honored to serve on the Alabama Holocaust Commission. I recently joined my legislative colleagues on the Commission and my rabbi in holding a commemoration at the State Capitol and then on the House floor for Yom HaShoah – Holocaust Remembrance.

The legislature approved a budget this year with increased funding for Holocaust education efforts in the state.



Grassroots Services for Those in Need

I am thrilled that **we secured \$250,000 in the state budget for a community health worker program.** This grassroots initiative will bring much-needed services and care to some of our state's most vulnerable and high-risk residents.

While it did not pass, we made unprecedented progress on advancing a bill to provide tax relief to churches in the state that provide services to those in need, especially in times of crisis or tragedy. This bill passed the full House and a Senate committee, but the session ended before the full Senate voted on it.

Setbacks

We achieved much this session. But I am disappointed that some bills passed that make our state less free, fair, and equal for all, including criminalizing aspects of absentee voting assistance, prohibiting state-funded Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion efforts, and more.

Additionally, it was a huge missed opportunity for some senators to block the passage of an education lottery and expanded gaming. The state is missing out on hundreds of millions of dollars that could be used to benefit the needs of residents including college and trade scholarships, mental health services, infrastructure needs and more.

The Highlight

The highlight of the legislative session was having my mom visit and watch the legislature in action. Her unwavering, consistent, and endless love and support helped carry me through this session!



