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Acquisition

The collection was the gift of Congressman Mike Rogers on April 23, 2015.

Biographical Note

Mike Rogers was born on June 2, 1963 in Livonia, Michigan, the youngest of five sons. He spent most of his youth in Livingston County, growing up in Howell and Brighton. His father was a teacher, Brighton Township board member, and township supervisor. His mother was an executive director of the Brighton Chamber of Commerce for 25 years. Rogers graduated from Adrian College in 1985 with a degree in Sociology and Criminal Justice. Rogers co-founded EBI Builders, a construction company, with his brothers that year, before joining the United States Army. He served as a commissioned officer in the United States Army through the Reserve Officers' Training Corps. Rogers held the rank of Second Lieutenant and became a company commander, serving from 1985 to 1989 in a forward maintenance company that pioneered the army's new "light division" concept.

In 1989, Rogers attended the FBI academy and then joined the FBI as a special agent. In his five year career at the FBI, Rogers investigated corruption cases in Chicago. His work led to the arrest and conviction of a local crime boss, as well as the town president (Betty Loren-Maltese) and a former chief of police (Emil Schulio) of Cicero, IL. Loren-Maltese and Schulio were arrested on charges of racketeering conspiracy, money laundering, fraud, and tax offenses which involved the expropriation of \$10 million in taxpayer money.

Rogers entered public service in 1994, running for a Michigan Senate seat in the state's 26th legislative district. This district included Livingston County, Clinton County, and Shiawassee County. Rogers defeated Democratic challenger Mike Hatty that year and began the first of two terms in the Michigan Senate. With a legislative agenda focusing upon easing regulations on small business, protecting consumers from monopolies, and fighting internet crime, Rogers was a key ally of Governor John Engler and an increasingly important figure within the Senate leadership. He was placed on several committees and was the chairman of the Senate Committee on Human Resources, Labor, and Veterans Affairs. He served as Majority Floor Leader between 1999 and 2000.

Rogers' chief accomplishments in the Michigan Senate were an extension of the Michigan Veteran's Trust Fund in 1995 (which provided grants to veterans in times of economic emergency), the banning of telephone "slamming" (telecommunications companies exchanging customer contracts without customer consent), and the creation of the Michigan Education Savings Account program, which allowed Michiganders to make tax-free donations to students' higher education expenses. Rogers attracted public attention during his Senate career as a result of other projects, as well. These included the introduction of a bill aiming to ensure compliance with federal marijuana possession laws by the city of Ann Arbor, which did not pass, and another bill that required college students to vote in the same city in which their

drivers licenses were registered, which did pass.

In 1999, taking advantage of 8th District US Representative Debbie Stabenow's departure from the US House of Representatives for the US Senate in 2000, Rogers announced he would run for her seat. Rogers ran on a platform of protecting Social Security, modernizing Medicare, improving education, and building up the military. His Democrat opponent, Dianne Byrum, was a colleague of Rogers' in the Michigan Senate. The election in 2000 was characterized as amiable, but it was also unusually close, with Rogers winning by a mere 111 votes, and only after a recount that lasted into December.

In the US House of Representatives, Rogers was immediately recognized by the Republican leadership as a potential political star. He was made a deputy whip in February of 2001, and his plan for a national version of the Michigan Education Savings Account program was included in President George W. Bush's final tax cut proposal, which was signed into law. Rogers became a reliable ally of Bush's from the beginning of his time in the US House, supporting Bush's tax cuts as well as the President's education programs. The close relationship only increased after the attacks by Al Qaeda on the Pentagon and World Trade Center on September 11, 2001. Rogers – the only former FBI agent in Congress – became prized for his experience in law enforcement by the administration. He also became a leader on national security and foreign policy issues. He helped craft legislation that would appear in the PATRIOT Act of October, 2001, and was an expert analyst of the U.S. policy in Afghanistan and Iraq.

Rogers was a strong campaigner and remained popular in his district. Determined to hold onto the seat for which he had fought so close a battle in 2000, Rogers set a record for fundraising by a freshman Congressman, raising over seven-hundred thousand dollars in under six months in 2001. With his grip on the 8th District secured through his fundraising acumen and favorable redistricting that he helped to shape, Rogers was never seriously challenged for his seat over his fourteen-year House career. He won three of his six reelection campaigns with over 60 percent of the vote, and the other four with over 55% of the vote. Rogers was recognized for his political know how by the Republican leadership, which gave him leadership of the Republican National Committee's program for fundraising for close Congressional races (RNCC Battleground) in 2004, and an incumbency retention program in 2009.

Rogers sponsored or co-sponsored 106 bills in his fourteen years in the House of Representatives. He directed most of his efforts at healthcare and education legislation, but perhaps his most lasting achievement has been the 2006 Respect for America's Fallen Heroes Act, which prohibits demonstrations at national cemeteries: a measure directed at the Westboro Baptist Church's protests at the funerals of American soldiers. Rogers also worked to fight oil-drilling in the Great Lakes, although he had to work out disagreements with Democrats in the House and Senate over the exact shape that such legislation should take.

While Barack Obama propelled Democrats into the White House in 2008, Rogers continued to gain influence. For Rogers' decisive role in advising the White House on foreign policy, especially drone operations in Afghanistan, Republican House Speaker John Boehner awarded Rogers with the chairmanship of the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence in 2010. This committee is tasked with overseeing intelligence agencies such as the CIA and the National Security Agency. In his time as chairman of the House Intelligence Committee, the committee was characterized by the press as an island of bipartisanship. Rogers managed to pass the first intelligence-funding bill in five years (in 2011), and several others over subsequent years with bipartisan majorities.

Nevertheless, Rogers was a persistent critic of the Democratic administration under President Obama. A signer of the Americans for Tax Reform's pledge to refrain from supporting any increase in taxes, Rogers opposed Obama's tax increases throughout the President's two terms. Rogers also fought against the adoption of the Affordable Care Act in 2009, criticized Obama's plans to close the Guantanamo detention center in Cuba the same year, and in 2010 argued that the President's policies on interrogation techniques were too restrictive. In 2013, Rogers chaired a comprehensive intelligence committee investigation of the 2012 Benghazi attack on an American embassy which had resulted in the death of an American ambassador. While the investigation debunked several conspiracy theories concerning the intelligence community, Rogers continued to argue that the President and his administration's behavior had been incompetent and manipulative before, during and after the event. In March of 2014, Rogers abruptly

announced his decision not to seek reelection for Representative of Michigan's 8th District. Upon his retirement from politics in January of 2015, he began to host and produce a nationally syndicated radio program called "Something to Think About" on Westwood One.

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Processing

Processed by Dominique Daniel and Julia Pope (analog text files), Shirley Paquette (artifacts, photographs), Joshua Koss (videos) and David Wagner (digital files) in 2016.

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Access and Use

The Michael J. Rogers Congressional Collection is currently being processed.

The analog part of the collection is open for research, except for certain records restricted by the deed of gift. Personal files and campaign files are restricted for the lifetime of the donor. Materials containing information that can be used to identify, contact or locate a single person as well as other material containing sensitive or confidential information are restricted until April 23, 2085. Such files are especially found in constituent correspondence but also occasionally in other series. Access restrictions for specific series are noted at that level.

The Legislative, Office, Communication, Political, Constituent Correspondence, Campaign, Photographs, and Audiovisual Series contain digital files. The Michigan Senate, 26th District series consists exclusively of digital files. The digital part of the collection is available for research on the premises only. The same restrictions apply as for the analog part of the collection.

Scope and Contents

The Michael J. Rogers Congressional Collection documents the political activities of Congressman Rogers from 1995 to 2015. The collection contains some paper files, but the bulk consists of digital files documenting Mike Rogers' career in the Michigan Senate (1994-2001) and the U.S. House of Representatives (2001-2015). Materials most reflected in this collection concern Rogers' Michigan Senate career, his election to the U.S. House of Representatives in 2000, and the first half of his U.S. House career. Material from 2008-2015 is considerably less prevalent.

The collection is organized in 13 series. The Biographical Files contain all materials created by Mike Rogers or his staff that document his life and career. The Michigan Senate Files record Mike Rogers' activities while in the Michigan Senate through documents by Rogers and his staff. The Legislative Files include the correspondence, briefings, background materials and other documents generated by Mike

Rogers and his staff while serving in the U.S. House of Representatives in 2001-2015. Office Files include all routine materials managed by Congressman Rogers' office while Staff Files originate from specific staff members. Communication Files contain Mike Rogers' speeches, articles and press releases as well as collections of newspaper clippings and some social media files assembled by staff. Event files are also included in this series. Political Files contain some materials documenting Mike Rogers' interactions with Republican colleagues and the Republican Party. Campaign Files, however, document every congressional election Mike Rogers participated in since his initial victory in 2000. Constituent Correspondence includes casework, routine constituent requests, as well as issue mail - answers provided by Congressman Rogers and his staff on general issues of interest to constituents. Some statistics about top topics of interest are included for the early years. Personal Files contain personal correspondence and other materials documenting his personal life outside of his activities as a member of Congress. The collection also includes numerous paper and digital photographs, analog and digital audio and video recordings, and artifacts. Among the video recordings are a wide assortment of Rogers' television appearances during his U.S. House career on various networks.

Abstract

Mike Rogers was a Michigan Senator from 1994-2001 and a United States Congressman between 2001-2015. This collection consists of printed and digital material generated by his staff during his political career representing Michigan's 26th state legislative district and Michigan's 8th US Congressional district.

Language

This collection is in English.

Administrative Information

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Collection Inventory

Biographical Files, 2001 - 2010

Box 1 (Text)

Scope and Contents

The Biographical Files contain all materials created by Mike Rogers or his staff that document his life and career. These files were created for the press, for award ceremonies and other public occasions. They cover the 2001-2009 period but are strongest for 2001-2002, when staff assembled large binders detailing the Congressman's annual accomplishments and including press releases, summary of grants and appropriations, constituent outreach efforts, and letters of recognition.

Wikipedia Entry, 2010

The Mike Rogers Record: Common-Sense Solutions for Michigan, 2009

Arab American and Chaldean Council Legislative Leadership Award, 9/27/2003

Mike Rogers: House Republican Leadership, 2007

The Rogers Record , 2006

2001 Accomplishments

2002 Accomplishments

2003 accomplishments

Legislative Files, 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

The Legislative Files include Congressman Rogers' correspondence with colleagues, the White House, foreign officials and other people and organizations. They include briefings for Rogers from staff members, appropriations and grants requests, and congressional correspondence related to legislative outcomes. Other files are organized by subject that cover various issues of interest to the Congressman. Although the entire 2001-2014 period is represented, the majority of the files cover the first half of the 2000s.

Access and Use

The analog component of the series is open for research but materials containing sensitive information or information that can be used to identify, contact or locate a single person are restricted until April 23, 2085.

Erin Johnson Files

Box 5 (Text)

Location

These files have been placed with restricted materials.

Access and Use note

These files are restricted until April 23, 2085 according to the deed of gift.

Subject Files

Box 1 (Text)

Alcoholic beverage labelling, 2005

American Energy Independence, 2008

Appropriations Requests, 2003 - 2005

Banking Issues Overview

Bond Market Association, 01.2005

Congressional Offsite with the House Permanent Select Committee on Intelligence - agenda, 2008

CODEL Davis, 08/2003

CytImmune Sciences, 2004

Gene Codes, 2006

Gene Codes, Katrina Victims Identification, 2005 - 2006

Habitat Conservation, 2008

Gambling reform

Grants, 2003 - 2004

Health Plan, House Democrats

Illegal Prescription Drugs, 2003

Integrated Biometric Identification System, 2003

Intelligent Vehicle Technology Nominations, 2005

Intelligent Vehicle Technology - Regional Impact

Intelligent Vehicle Technology - ITS Tax Credit (HR 4931), 2005

Livingston County Airport, 2005

Indian gaming, 2006

Indian gaming (2), 2006

Medicare Drug and Service Coverage Act of 2002

Medicare Prescription Drugs and Cost Containment

Medicare Prescription Drugs - Bipartisan Agreement, 2003

Miscellaneous Legislative Files

Naval Criminal Investigative Service: Overview Brief, 2010

New Lansing Air Traffic Control Tower, 2001 - 2004

Petition - Alliance for Retired Americans, 2007

Access Note

Cover page of petition and number of signatures. All personal information has been removed. In some cases, petitioners made substantive comments which have been sampled and included after redacting out names

Petition - Ban on PaperLess Voting (HR 811), 2007

Access Note

Cover page of petition and number of signatures. All personal information has been removed. In some cases, petitioners made substantive comments which have been sampled and included after redacting out names.

Petition - Climate Change, 2007

Access Note

Cover page of petition and number of signatures. All personal information has been removed. In some cases, petitioners made substantive comments which have been sampled and included after redacting out names.

Petition - End the Occupation of Iraq

Access Note

Cover page of petition and number of signatures. All personal information has been removed. In some cases, petitioners made substantive comments which have been sampled and included after redacting out names.

Petition - Life at Conception (HR 618)

Access Note

Cover page of petition and number of signatures. All personal information has been removed. In some cases, petitioners made substantive comments which have been sampled and included after redacting out names.

Speech by British Army Lt. Colonel Collins, 03/22/2003

TREAD Act of 2001, passenger tire testing, 2002 - 2003

Congressional Correspondence

Box 2 (Text)

Co-signed Letters, 2002 - 2003

Co-signed Letters, 2004

Co-signed Letters, 2005

Congress members, 2001-2007, 2015

Administration, 2001 - 2002

Administration, 2003

Administration, 2004

Administration, 2005 - 2007

Administration, 2012 - 2014

Congressional Correspondence

Congressional Correspondence, Miscellaneous, 2001 - 2010

Michigan Officials, 2001 - 2004

Foreign Officials

Digital Files, 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

The Digital Files contain legislative material mainly from two periods: 2001-2005 and 2013-2014. Comparatively little material is present from 2006-2012. For material from Mike Rogers' Michigan Senate career, see "Michigan Senate, 26th District."

Physical 156 files

Description:

Legislative Aide Files [Digital Files], 2000 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Includes material related to staff research in preparation for drafting or voting on legislation. Also includes copies of bills, draft legislation, and memos sent by Rogers or his staff regarding legislation.

Language of English

Materials:

Physical 100 files

Description:

Legislative Director Files [Digital Files], 2000 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Legislative Director Files include memos directed toward Congressman Rogers from other representatives, drafts of floor statements prepared for Rogers, committee files, caucus files, and voting records.

Language of English

Materials:

Physical 56 files

Description:

Scope and Contents

Office Files include all material generated by Mike Rogers' office unrelated to legislation or constituent correspondence. In particular, these files contain invitations for and by Rogers, directions to locations for events, and information on the places and times of office hours. Internal memos, letters, and emails are also present.

Access and Use

The analog component of the series is open for research but materials containing personnel information or information that can be used to identify, contact or locate a single person are restricted until April 23, 2085.

Invitations, 2006

Access and Use

These files require reviewing before access, as some files may contain personally identifiable information.

Physical 12 folders
Description:

Invitations, 2008

Physical 12 folders
Description:

Subscriptions

Office Hours in District, 2009 - 2010

Staff Lists, 2006 - 2008

Tours- Sample Forms and Materials, 2001

Justification travel expense, 2005

Miscellaneous

Digital Files

Scope and Contents

The Digital Files contain few office files. The material that exists is largely limited to several files from 2001-2003 and several others from 2010-2012. For material relating to Rogers' Michigan Senate career, see "Michigan Senate, 26th District."

Physical 22 files
Description:

Personal Assistant Files [Digital Files], 2001 - 2012

Scope and Contents

Personal Assistant Files include schedules, invitations, memorabilia, and information regarding the Congressman's travel arrangements.

Physical 9 files
Description:

Office Manager Files [Digital Files], 2000 - 2011

Scope and Contents

Office Manager Files include personnel files, office accounts, staff lists, weekly reports, and office manuals.

Physical 7 files
Description:

Reception Desk Files [Digital Files], 2009 - 2012

Scope and Contents

Reception Desk Files include visitor logs, telephone logs, and routine requests.

Physical 4 files
Description:

Systems Manager Files [Digital Files], 2011 - 2012

Scope and Contents

Systems Manager Files consist of database files compiled by Mike Rogers' staff. The two files here are newsletter printing lists.

Physical 2 files
Description:

Staff Files

Box 3 (Text)

Scope and Contents

These materials were donated by Andy Keiser and include speeches, travel documents and legislative background files, especially for the second half of the 2000s.

Access and Use

The analog component of the series is open for research but materials containing sensitive information or information that can be used to identify, contact or locate a single person are restricted until April 23, 2085.

Separated Materials

A flash drive and CD have been removed and placed with other digital media.

Some files from the FISA folders have been placed in the restricted part of the collection as they may be official Committee records of the House of Representatives.

Events - Cambridge Union Society Michaelmas, 2014

113th Congress Chairman and Ranking Member Guide

Miscellaneous

Magazine articles

News events, 2009

Mike Rogers articles and speeches, 2010 - 2011

Mike Rogers correspondence, 2009 - 2014

Newspaper clippings

CODEL Rogers: United Kingdom, October 19-24, 2014 - speech notes

CODEL Rogers: United Kingdom, October 19-24, 2014 [binder]

FISA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 2014

FISA - Foreign Intelligence Surveillance Act, 2014

Communication Files, 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Communication Files contain Mike Rogers' speeches, articles and press releases as well as collections of newspaper clippings assembled by staff in 2000-2004 and some social media and web files. The digital files include Rogers' press releases during the remainder of his career in the House of Representatives, as well as speeches, agendas, and scripts for media appearances. Event files are also included. For Mike Rogers' television and radio appearances, see the audio-visual series.

Access and Use

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Flyers, brochures

Box 3 (Text)

Speeches

Press Releases, 2011

Press Releases, 2012

Articles by Mike Rogers

Radio Townhalls, 2007

Web and Social Media, 2008 - 2009

Sylvia Warner - Speech to Mid-Michigan Republican Women, July 20, 2008

Clippings: Biographical/Personal

Clippings: Special Interest - Casino series, Detroit Free Press

Clippings: Special Interest - Whip Media

Clippings, 2000-2001:Jan.-May

Clippings, 2001:June-Dec.

Clippings, 2002 - 2004

Clippings, 2005 - 2012

Clippings: Photo Press Book "Book IV", 1998-1999 (Assembled by staff)

Physical 3 folders

Description:

Clippings: 2001 (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Physical 2 folders

Description:

Clippings: 2002 - Misc. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2002 - Misc. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2002 - Negative (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2002 - Positive (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Physical 2 folders

Description:

Clippings: 2002: Jan.-Mar. (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Box 4 (Text)

Clippings: 2002: Apr.-June (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2002: July-Aug. (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2002: Oct.-Dec. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Jan. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Feb. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Mar. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Apr. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: May (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: June (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: July-Aug. (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Sept. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Oct. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Nov. (Assembled by M. Rogers Staff)

Clippings: 2004: Dec. (Assembled by M.Rogers Staff)

Outside the Wire

Note

Documentary including interview of Mike Rogers - CD was included and placed with audio-visual files.

Events

Circle of Friends for American Veterans, May 13-14, 2009

Michigan Inaugural Dinner Dance (January 20, 2005)

Vice-President's Visit, June 2001

Events, 2001 - 2002

Events, 2004 - 2005

Events, 2008 - 2009

109th Congress opening session - Visitor passes (for Erin and Jonathan Rogers)

Governor John Engler, State of the State Address, 2000

Note

Several copies signed by Governor Engler

Governor John Engler, State of the State Address, 2001

Note

Several copies signed by Governor Engler.

President George W. Bush, Address to the Joint Session of Congress, 107th Congress, February 27, 2001

President George W. Bush, State of the Union Address to the 110th Congress, January 28, 2008

Digital Files, 1999 - 2014

Scope and Contents

In the digital files, Communications consists of press releases, press advisories, event notices, and speeches (largely in draft form). While scattered material exists for the entirety of Rogers' US House career, the best documented years are 2006 and 2013-2014. For Communications material relating to Rogers' Michigan Senate career, see "Michigan Senate, 26th District."

Physical 414 files

Description:

External Media Files [Digital Files], 2000 - 2014

Scope and Contents

External Files consist of clippings and transcripts from third party news sources. The files in this category were collected by Congressman Rogers' staff, but were not produced by them.

Physical 36 files

Description:

Press Officer Files [Digital Files], 2000 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Press Officer Files include press releases, statements, op-eds, speeches, and newsletters.

Physical 313 files

Description:

Press Administration Files [Digital Files], 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Press Administration Files include event notices, flyers, event programs, communications between the Congressman's staff and the media, and mailing lists.

Physical 65 files

Description:

Political Files, 2001 - 2014

Box 4 (Text)

Scope and Contents

Political Files contain some materials documenting Mike Rogers' interactions with Republican colleagues in Congress, in Michigan and the party.

Mike Rogers for Chair of the Intelligence Committee, 2010

Council of Republicans for Environmental Advocacy, 1999 - 2002

Box 4 (Text)

Current Political Environment Presentation to GOP Theme Team, June 7, 2007

Box 4 (Text)

Digital Files

Physical 15 files
Description:

Political Correspondence Files [Digital Files], 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Political Correspondence Files include all Congressional correspondence that does not relate to a legislative outcome.

Physical 9 Files
Description:

Strategy Files [Digital Files], 2003 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Strategy Files include written interactions with Republicans in Congress on the matter of Republican political strategy.

Physical 6 files
Description:

Constituent Correspondence, 2001 - 2014

Access and Use

Constituent Correspondence is restricted until April 23, 2085 according to the deed of gift, except for letters that do not include personally identifiable information and documents that provide aggregate data about topics of constituent letters (template responses and Top 10 Hot Letters reports).

Template responses, 2001

Box 4 (Text)

Top Ten Hot Letters, 11/01/2000 to 12/23/2002

Box 4 (Text)

Scope and Contents

Reports prepared for Mike Rogers summarizing constituent correspondence received over a two or three week period. Each pack contains a breakdown of how many letters were received on each of the top ten topics for that period, and a selection of letters. After 10/01/2001 the packs also contain the response templates that were used to reply to these letters.

Top page containing statistical summary on top letters is open for research. Other materials were placed in restricted files.

Constituent Correspondence, 2000 - 2014

Box 7-9 (Text)

Digital Files, 1999 - 2014

Scopes and Contents

The vast majority of the Digital Files constituent correspondence material is from 2001-2002. There are thousands of examples of constituent correspondence from those two years. There is also a great deal of material from 2014. The years 2003-2013, however, are nearly unrepresented. For material related to Rogers' Michigan Senate career, see "Michigan Senate, 26th District."

Physical 1183 files
Description:

Issue Mail Files [Digital Files], 2001 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Issue Mail Files include replies to constituent correspondence on an abstract issue, in which the constituent sought to raise the Congressman's awareness as to their position on a political topic rather than prompt a Congressman's intervention into a personal issue.

Physical 1172 files
Description:

Casework Files [Digital Files]

Scope and Contents

Casework Files include replies to constituents on matters that affect them personally, with the expectation (or hope) of resolution.

Physical 5
Description:

Appreciation Files [Digital Files], 2002 - 2014

Scope and Contents

Appreciation Files include award certificates, congratulations letters, and thank you letters sent by Congressman Rogers' staff to constituents.

Physical 5 files
Description:

Campaign Files, 2000 - 2013

Box 10 (Text)

Scope and Contents

This series includes campaign ads, mailings, press releases as well as internal campaign files. The Sylvia Warner files were archived by Press Secretary Sylvia Warner relating to the US House, 8th district 2000 and 2002 elections. The 2000 election is well documented in the digital files as well.

Access and Use

Campaign files are restricted for the lifetime of the donor with the exception of campaign ads.

Campaign Files, 2002 - 2008

Sylvia Warner Files, 2000 - 2002

Digital Files

Physical 914 files
Description:

US House, 8th District 2000 Election [Digital Files], 2000 - 2000

Scope and Contents

This subseries documents the Michigan 8th District 2000 Election, in which Mike Rogers defeated Dianne Byrum by 111 votes. It includes all of the Collection's material relating to that election.

Physical 502 files
Description:

Campaign Manager Files [Digital Files]

Scope and Contents

Campaign Manager Files include material addressing election campaigns, specifically documents related to strategy, as well as advertisements, letters on behalf of campaigns, endorsement notices, and questionnaire responses.

Physical 198 files
Description:

Campaign Administration Files [Digital Files], 1995 - 2013

Scope and Contents

Campaign Administration Files include voting data, mailing lists, and transcripts.

Physical 214 files
Description:

Personal Files, 2001 - 2012

Box 5 (Text)

Scope and Contents

The Personal Files contain Mike Rogers' personal correspondence and other materials related to his personal life outside of his activities as a member of Congress.

Access and Use

Personal files are restricted for the lifetime of the donor according to the deed of gift.

Support letters

Manuscript Notes

Personal Correspondence, 2001

Personal Correspondence, 2002

Personal Correspondence, 2003

Personal Correspondence, 2004

Personal Correspondence, 2006

Personal Correspondence, 2007

Personal Correspondence, 2008

Personal Correspondence, 2012

Photographs, 2001 - 2015

Scope and Contents

The collection includes numerous photographs of Mike Rogers in Michigan, in Washington, D.C., and abroad during congressional trips.

This series includes digital files.

Photographic Prints

Digital Images, 1999 - 2014

Scope and Contents

The digital photos in the Collection consist of photos taken by staff members during Rogers' Congressional career. Events and constituent outreach are particularly well documented.

Access note

The digital photos in the Collection may be freely accessed by the public.

Physical Description: 1157 files

Audiovisual Materials, 2001 - 2015

Scope and Contents

The collection includes recordings of Mike Rogers' TV and radio appearances during his career in Congress. It includes VHS tapes and DVDs. An inventory of the VHS tapes is available at the Oakland University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections.

Artifacts

Additional information

An inventory of the artifactual collection is available at the Oakland University Libraries' Archives and Special Collections.

Michigan Senate, 26th District [Digital Files], 1995 - 2001

Scope and Contents

Mike Rogers was a Michigan senator for the 26th District between 1996 and 2001, when he became a US Congressman for the 8th District. His files from his time in the Michigan Senate consist of a broad collection of material from a half dozen of his staffers, including his chief of staff and legislative aides. Staff briefings, legislative research, and administrative procedures -- all amply documented in this series -- provide a nuanced portrayal of a senate staff's daily priorities and operations. The series also includes drafts of Rogers' community newsletter, Coffee Break News; committee minutes for the Senate Committee on Human Resources, Labor, Senior Citizens, and Veterans' Affairs (which Rogers' chaired); and press releases, op-eds, and bios on the senator. Lastly, there is an enormous assortment of issue mail and casework in this series, revealing the priorities of his constituents during the period. Among the primary concerns are school reforms, the Michigan graduated driver's license, Rogers' voter registration bill, and development issues in the rural counties.

Arrangement

The files are loosely arranged around the staff member who created the files. In most cases, the staff member who created the files placed their first name on the folder in which those files are contained. There are, however, many exceptions to this classificatory scheme. Much of the constituent mail is contained in folders named by the year in which the messages were sent. Other files are contained in folders named for their contents rather than creator. Press files are for the most part in the "PRESS" folder, for example. Other folders are named for provenance: examples include "CDRIVE" and "OTHER FILES FROM FLOPPY A."

Access and Use

The series is open for research but materials containing information that can be used to identify, contact or locate a single person as well as other material containing sensitive or confidential information are restricted until April 23, 2085.

Senate Communication Files [Digital Files] , 1995 - 2000

Scope and Contents

The Senate Communication Files consist of Press releases, statemetns, op-eds, speeches, newsletters, event notices, flyers, programs, communication with media, and mailing lists from Rogers' career in the Michigan Senate.

Physical 483 files

Description:

Senate Constituent Correspondence [Digital Files], 1995 - 2000

Scope and Contents

The Senate Constituent Correspondence Files consist of issue mail, casework, and letters regarding awards, congratulations, and thanks for or from the Congressman.

Physical 1793 files

Description:

Senate Legislative Files [Digital Files], 1995 - 2000

Scope and Contents

The Senate Legislative Files consist of memos to the Congressman on legislative issues, drafts of floor statements, committee files, caucus files, voting records, background and research information, copies of bills, and draft legislation.

Physical 1008 files

Description:

Senate Office Files [Digital Files], 1995 - 2000

Scope and Contents

The Senate Office Files consist of the material generated by the Congressman's office on a daily basis during his years in the Michigan Senate. This material includes travel files, bios, schedules, invitations, memorabilia, personnel files, office accounts, staff lists, weekly reports, office manuals, visitor and telephone logs, routine requests from constituents, and database files.

Physical 571 files

Description:

Senate Political Files [Digital Files], 1995 - 2000

Scope and Contents

The Senate Political Files consist of interactions with Republicans in Congress on strategy and correspondence with Congressional representatives not linked to legislative outcomes from the Congressman's years in the Michigan Senate.

Physical 23 files

Description:

Senate Personal Files [Digital Files]

Scope and Contents

The Senate Personal Files consist of the personal files of Mike Rogers during his years in the Michigan Senate.

Physical 15 files

Description: