

## NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 OHIO SENATE RACE

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<b>Abortion:</b> Mostly ban or mostly legal?	Legal. <a href="#">“I will always trust Ohio women to make their health care decisions, plain &amp; simple.”</a>	Ban. <a href="#">“I firmly believe in the sanctity of life... proud to have a 100 percent pro-life voting record since being elected to Congress.”</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Require political ads to disclose their largest funders?	Yes. <a href="#">“Special interests should not have a louder voice... than middle-class families.”</a>	No stand found. <a href="#">Did support strengthening Federal Elections Commission.</a>
<b>Campaign Finance:</b> Support <i>Citizens United</i> decision, allowing unlimited political donations from corporations & unions?	No. <a href="#">“Corporations are not people.” Supports amendment to overturn.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Considers political donations to be political speech—“the most protected speech there is.”</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Consider climate change a serious crisis?	Yes. <a href="#">“Pretending that climate change isn’t happening isn’t just foolish. It is very dangerous.”</a>	Probable no. In 2010 said emission regulations have <a href="#">“virtually no impact on global temperatures.”</a>
<b>Climate Change:</b> Limit or tax production of greenhouse gases? Support US participation in Paris Climate Accord?	Yes. <a href="#">Supported EPA regulating greenhouse gases</a> , said Paris Accord withdrawal <a href="#">would hurt OH clean-energy industries.</a>	Contested. <a href="#">Says supports limiting greenhouse emissions if Ohio industries such as coal are not harmed. Opposed EPA regulating greenhouse gases. Supported withdrawal from Paris Accord.</a>
<b>Contraception:</b> Allow employers to withhold contraceptive coverage from employees if disagree with it morally?	No. <a href="#">“Healthcare decisions should be between you &amp; your doctor, not the government &amp; your boss.”</a>	Likely yes. Obamacare requirement for faith-affiliated employers like hospitals to provide contraceptive coverage was <a href="#">“an assault on religious freedom.”</a>
<b>Courts:</b> <a href="#">Support Brett Kavanaugh nomination?</a> (before recent allegations).	No. <a href="#">Serious concerns about rulings against women’s &amp; consumer rights.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">“A kind-hearted, brilliant, thoughtful, &amp; experienced jurist.”</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support federal spending as a means of promoting economic growth?	Yes. <a href="#">Introduced \$30 billion loan fund to help smaller manufacturers transition to clean energy economy.</a>	Mostly no. Called Obama stimulus <a href="#">“a failed experiment,”</a> though <a href="#">supports Trump infrastructure plan.</a>
<b>Economy:</b> Support President Trump’s imposition of tariffs on Chinese steel & other products?	Yes, <a href="#">for protecting steelworkers, but need long-term strategy. Also tax auto company foreign profits to give \$3,500 discount to US-made cars.</a>	Yes, but concerned about negative impact on farmers. Seeks a <a href="#">“balance between free trade &amp; fair trade.”</a>
<b>Education:</b> Vouchers to send children to private schools with public money?	No. <a href="#">Longtime opponent.</a>	<a href="#">Yes. Strong historical supporter.</a>
<b>Environment:</b> Support cutbacks of Environmental Protection Administration?	No. <a href="#">Strongly opposes.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Voted for bill that reduced funding.</a>
<b>Financial Regulation:</b> Support Trump administration’s proposed cutbacks of Consumer Financial Protection Bureau?	No. <a href="#">“Now is not the time to let Wall Street &amp; payday lenders call the shots on the budget.”</a>	Unclear. <a href="#">Sponsored bill that critics said restricted CFPB’s ability to monitor releases of personal information.</a>

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<b>Gay Marriage:</b> Support gay marriage?	Yes. <a href="#">“Practicing family values means loving all God’s children.”</a>	No. <a href="#">“Marriage should be between one man &amp; one woman.”</a>
<b>Gun Control:</b> Support more restrictive gun control legislation?	Yes. <a href="#">Ban assault weapons &amp; high-capacity magazines, expand background checks &amp; raise age to 21.</a>	No. <a href="#">Opposes bans on assault weapons &amp; high capacity magazines &amp; expanded background checks.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Support or Repeal Affordable Care Act (ACA), known as Obamacare?	<a href="#">Support &amp; improve ACA. “Repeal would devastate Ohio children” &amp; reduce access to opioid treatment.</a>	Repeal ACA. <a href="#">Key to affordable healthcare is increasing competition, decreasing overhead.</a>
<b>Healthcare:</b> Let Planned Parenthood receive public funds for non-abortion health care?	Yes. They offer <a href="#">“lifesaving cancer screenings, HIV/AIDS prevention &amp; contraception education.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Supported defunding.</a>
<b>Immigration:</b> Support DACA, allowing “Dreamers” who arrived illegally as children, then grew up in the US, to achieve legal status if meet certain conditions?	Yes. <a href="#">“We should not be targeting young people who are working, going to school, paying taxes &amp; contributing to this country.”</a>	No. <a href="#">Voted in 2013 to overturn DACA program interim protection of Dreamers. Now supports Trump’s approach--tying potential legalization to cuts in legal immigration &amp; funding for border wall.</a>
<b>Iran:</b> Withdraw from treaty limiting Iran’s nuclear capability & lifting some sanctions?	No. <a href="#">Use remaining sanctions instead of unraveling agreement.</a>	Yes. <a href="#">Called Iran #1 state sponsor of terrorism.</a>
<b>Marijuana:</b> Legalize or decriminalize marijuana?	<a href="#">Supports medical legalization. Wants to study how legalizing recreational works elsewhere before legalizing in Ohio.</a> Opposes federal intervention.	Opposes recreational legalization. Watch how medical implementation goes. <a href="#">Voted against protecting states from federal intervention.</a>
<b>Minimum Wage:</b> Raise the federal minimum wage from \$7.25/hr?	Yes. <a href="#">Phase in increase to \$15.</a>	Likely No. <a href="#">Rejected 2013 increase to \$10.10</a>
<b>Net Neutrality:</b> Require internet providers to provide equal access to all users?	Yes. <a href="#">Strong supporter.</a>	No recent statements found. <a href="#">Has previously opposed regulations supporting Net Neutrality.</a>
<b>President Trump:</b> <a href="#">Percentage of key votes</a> supporting Trump’s positions.	28% as of September.	94% as of September.
<b>Privatization:</b> Support full or partial privatization of Social Security?	No. <a href="#">Strong opponent.</a>	Partial. <a href="#">Allow workers “to privately invest a portion of their payroll taxes.”</a>
<b>Renewable Energy:</b> Support government subsidies for renewable energy?	Yes. <a href="#">Supports strong mix across a diverse mix of clean energy sources.”</a>	Mixed. <a href="#">Supported extending renewable tax credits. Proponent of domestic fossil fuel production &amp; opponent of EPA regulation.</a>
<b>Student Debt:</b> Refinance student loans at lower rates, paid for by increasing taxes on high earners (Elizabeth Warren proposal)?	Yes. <a href="#">Cosponsored Warren bill. Also supports Pell Grant increase.</a>	No. <a href="#">Supporter of student loans, but not government’s role to keep rates down. Unknown on Pell Grants, but supports tax credits for education spending.</a>
Taxes: Support <a href="#">President Trump’s tax cuts</a> ?	No. <a href="#">“Outrageous that Senators ... would try to take health care away from working families ... to cut taxes on corporations that send jobs overseas.”</a>	Yes. <a href="#">They enable Ohio companies “to invest in workers, innovation, &amp; future generations.”</a>
<b>Voting Rights:</b> Support stricter voting rules like photo-ID requirements?	No. <a href="#">Should be encouraging people. Photo-ID rules make it harder.</a>	Unknown.

Other senate candidates include [Philena Farley \(G\)](#). Can’t include due to space, but check out her website.

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