



NONPARTISAN CANDIDATE GUIDE: 2018 OHIO SENATE RACE

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

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

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

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