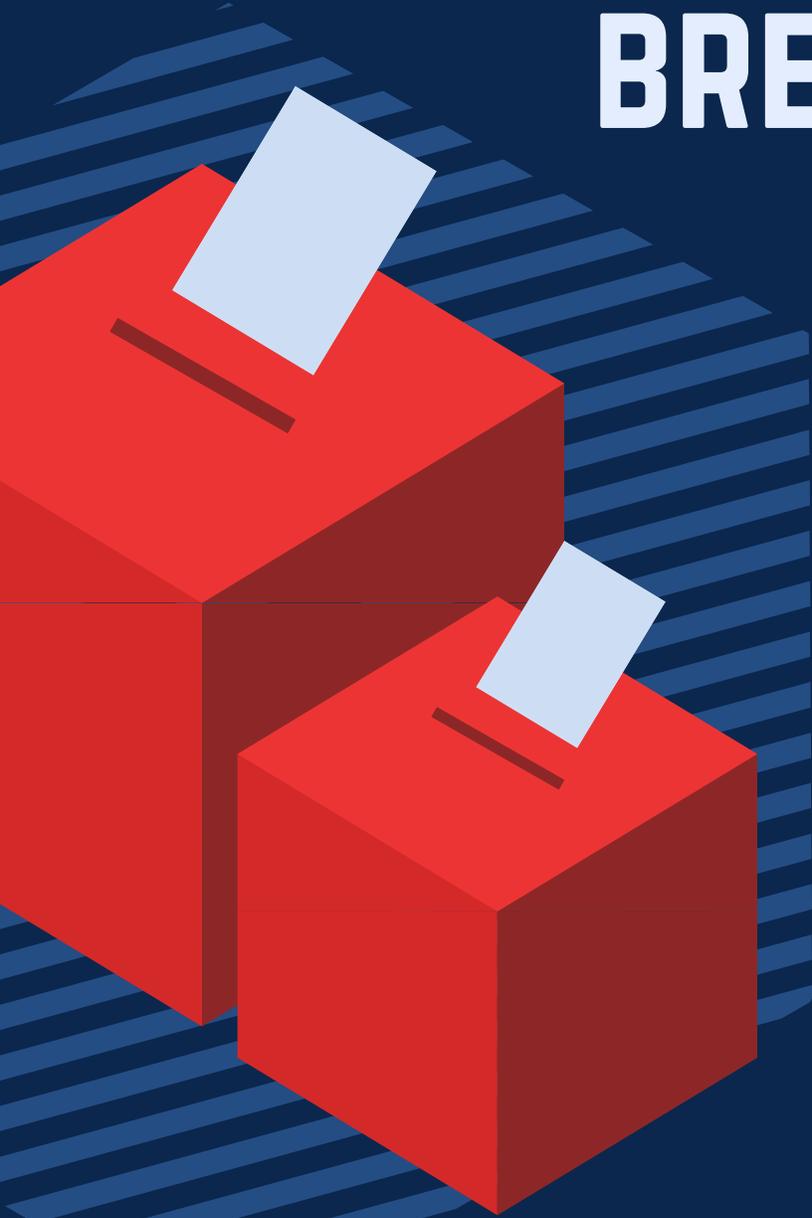


USG's Governmental Relations  
Committee Presents....



2024  
General  
Election

# FEDERAL OHIO BALLOT BREAKDOWN



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A resource with information on candidates running in the districts that represent Ohio State's campus and the surrounding off campus areas.

Continue reading to learn about candidates' stances and how they plan to support students.

ELECTION DAY  
NOVEMBER 5

# Welcome!

On behalf of the Government Relations Committee and the Undergraduate Student Government, we would like to thank you for utilizing our ballot breakdown document. This committee has been working incredibly hard to provide students with an easy-to-follow reference when voting. All information was taken from each candidate's website or approved by Ballotpedia.

We chose to divide the information into two sections that related to students best. For additional information, we have linked the sources on each page. When completing this project, we made our best attempt to remain unbiased, and to stick to the facts, to give you all a credible source to refer to when voting.

An empty ballot is still a vote, so we hope that you continue to research all candidates before casting your vote in this upcoming election. Thank you again, and please share this resource with friends and family.



Sincerely,  
The Governmental Relations Committee  
The Undergraduate Student Government

# HOW DO I VOTE?

## **Sample Ballot:**

Your local government may have many different things on the ballot. Area specific issues, state house elections, county commissioners, etc. To check your sample ballot, visit your county Board of Elections website.

Alternatively, you can use websites such as [vote411.org](http://vote411.org) to view your sample ballot and view some comparisons between the candidates running to familiarize yourself and help make your decisions.

## **Early voting:**

Walk into the Board of Elections in the county you are registered between now and Nov 3rd to vote early in person.

Addresses for county Boards of Elections can be found at:

[ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/early-voting/](http://ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/toolkit/early-voting/)

The hours for Early Voting vary and can be found at:

[ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/2024-schedule/](http://ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/current-voting-schedule/2024-schedule/)

## **Absentee voting**

1. Request an absentee ballot by filling out the request form and mailing it to the Board of Elections in the county you are registered in at:  
[ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/](http://ohiosos.gov/elections/voters/absentee-ballot/)
2. Once you receive your ballot, fill it out and sign and seal the envelope and mail it back to have your vote counted! Make sure to keep postage stamps handy.

In person on election day

- Check your polling location at:  
[voterlookup.ohiosos.gov](http://voterlookup.ohiosos.gov)
- Polls in Ohio will be open from 6:30am - 7:30pm on Election Day
- Make sure to bring an Ohio-issued Driver's License/State ID or a US Passport for identification
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Always remember to come prepared with a voting plan. Research issues and candidates prior to going in to vote. Your vote is your own and no one can take that away from you so make your voice heard!

# ISSUE 1

## **YES VOTE MEANS:**

- This would create a 15-member citizen commission to handle redistricting, removing politicians from the process
- The commission would consist of 5 democrats, 5 republicans, and 5 independents. All members will be appointed by a panel of retired judges
- Ban current or former politicians, political party officials and lobbyists from sitting on the Commission.

## **NO VOTE MEANS**

- Keeps the current redistricting commission in place which consists of these members:
  - One individual appointed by the Senate President
  - One individual appointed by the Speaker of the House
  - One individual appointed by the Senate Minority Leader
  - One individual appointed by the House Minority Leader
  - The Governor
  - The Auditor
  - The Secretary of State

# Federal Races

## United States President

### **Kamala Harris (D)**

### **Donald Trump (R)**

<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• District Attorney of San Francisco from 2004 to 2011, Attorney General of California from 2011 to 2017, US Senator for California from 2017 to 2021, Vice President of the US from 2021 to present day.</li></ul>	<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Real estate developer and entrepreneur for various businesses globally, including hotels, golf courses, resorts, and residential properties, owner of the Trump Organization, former President of the US from 2017 to 2021.</li></ul>
<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Much of Kamala Harris' plan focuses on lowering taxes, reducing the costs of groceries, health care, and energy to help middle-class Americans</li><li>• Kamala Harris plans to increase the minimum wage and end sub-minimum wage payment for tipped workers</li><li>• Kamala Harris aims to increase access to affordable higher education through federal assistance</li></ul>	<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Donald Trump plans to stop inflation and make America affordable again for the middle class</li><li>• Donald Trump aims to cut taxes for middle-class workers throughout America and stop taxes on tips</li><li>• Donald Trump is striving to cleanup our cities by reducing crime and making them safe again</li><li>• Donald Trump plans to make our elections secure again with same-day voting, paper ballots and proof of citizenship at the polls</li></ul>

Source:

<https://kamalaharris.com/a-new-way-forward/>  
<https://www.donaldjtrump.com/platform>

# United States Senate

## Sherrod Brown (D)

### Experience/Background:

- Serves as one of 100 members in the United States Senate, and one of two members representing the state of Ohio. The Senate acts on bills, resolutions, amendments, motions, nominations, and treaties by voting
- Currently serving as U.S. Senator since 2006; Served as U.S. Representative in Ohio District 13 from 1993 to 2007; Served as Ohio Secretary of State from 1983 to 1993; Served as Ohio State Representative from 1975 to 1982

### Issue Stances:

- Equal Rights and Opportunities: Sherrod Brown is fighting to ensure no one is discriminated because of their race, gender, or sexual orientation
- Abortion Access: Sherrod Brown supports the right to choose, and supported the ballot initiative in 2023 that protected abortion
- Securing the Border: Sherrod Brown believes that neither party has secured the border and is working with both sides to help protect the border

## Bernie Moreno (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Business owner of car dealerships since 2005, co-founder of ChampTitles since 2018, President of the Collection Auto Group, Member of the Board of Trustees for MetroHealth since 2019.

### Issue Stances:

- Bernie Moreno aims to secure the borders and stop amnesty for illegal immigration
- Bernie Moreno plans to restore integrity in federal elections
- Bernie Moreno plans to vigorously defend Constitutional Rights, especially the Second Amendment
- Bernie Moreno will fight to enact term limits for Congressional members and stop career politicians

### Sources:

<https://www.ballotready.org/people/sherrod-brown-b9ab2fa1-4bf2-4c64-a61d-d1b08a329234>  
<https://www.sherrodbrown.com/issues/>  
<https://bernienoreno.com/why-im-running/>

# United States House - District 1

## Greg Landsman (D)

## Orlando Sonza (R)

<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Member of Cincinnati City Council from 2018 to 2022; Member of House of Representatives from 2023 to present</li><li>• Greg Landsman has spent much of his career advocating for minority youth and families, especially in Cincinnati.</li><li>• Prior to being elected Representative Landsman served as a public school teacher and Executive Director of Strive Partnership. Strive is an organization committed to bringing local communities together through cities in the United States to advance equity among citizens</li></ul>	<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Orlando Sonza is a West Point Military Academy graduate who served as an Infantry Officer and Financial Officer with the 3rd Infantry Division</li><li>• Sonza worked as a Certified Public Accountant at Ernst and Young, LLP and later co-founded a local financial planning firm</li><li>• Former Hamilton County Assistant Prosecutor</li><li>• Currently serves as the Executive Director of the Hamilton County Veterans Service Commission</li></ul>
<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Safety: Greg Landsman plans to increase safety in both southwest Ohio, as well as through the nation through increased funding for first responders and security measures for the border</li><li>• Economy: Greg Landsman aims to aid the economy by decreasing taxes for working class Americans and reworking the tax code to force billionaires to pay their fair share.</li></ul>	<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Safety: Orlando Sonza will work to increase funding for community policing and mental health resources to address the root causes of violence. As a son of immigrants, Sonza plans to secure our southern border while changing the American immigration system to grant safe and legal travel to immigrants.</li><li>• Economy: Orlando Sonza believes to decrease inflation America should reduce government spending and reliance on deficit spending as well as invest in national local infrastructure and small businesses.</li></ul>

Source:

<https://landsman.house.gov/>  
<https://www.orlandosonza.com/>

# United States House - District 2

## Samantha Meadows (D)

## David Taylor (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Samantha Meadows is the Democratic Nominee for Ohio's 2nd Congressional District in 2024. She ran, and was the Democratic Nominee in 2022 as well.
- Samantha Meadows spent the majority of her career working as an Advanced EMT in rural Ohio.
- Samantha Meadows has served as an AmeriCorps member in the Appalachian Access Program. AmeriCorps is a federal agency that connects people with organizations to promote volunteer work for in need communities.

### Experience/Background:

- David Taylor running for Ohio's 2nd Congressional District in 2024, replacing retiring incumbent Brad Wenstrup as the Republican Nominee.
- Taylor is a graduate of Miami University (Ohio) and the University of Dayton School of Law.
- After Law School, Taylor worked for his local prosecutors office before eventually taking over his family's business, Sardinia Ready Mix Inc.

### Issue Stances:

- Education: Samantha Meadows supports increasing funding to public schools and opposes the use of public funding for private or charter schools.
- Economy: Meadows supports workers rights, collective bargaining, and protecting union jobs. Additionally, she advocates for bringing jobs back to District 2 and implementing policies to lower costs of goods.

### Issue Stances:

- Education: David Taylor supports defunding the Department of Education, restoring parental rights, expanding school choice, and promoting trade pathways.
- Economy: Taylor supports lowering taxes, supporting small business, and reducing the national debt by managing the budget and cutting government spending.

### Sources:

<https://www.votemeadows.com/>

<https://davetaylorforcongress.com/>

<https://clermontchamber.com/2024-candidate-questionnaire-david-taylor/>

# United States House - District 3

## Joyce Beatty (D)

## Michael Young (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Has served Ohio's 3rd Congressional district since 2013. Chair of the Congressional Black Caucus from 2021-2023. Beatty serves on the House Financial Services Committee which oversees the nation's financial industry including banking and insurance industries, Securities and Exchange Commission, Department of the Treasury
- Rallied Democratic in the House for the Bipartisan Infrastructure Plan that was passed in 2021, instrumental in drafting Juneteenth National Independence Day Act

### Experience/Background:

- US Air Force veteran
- Private pilot, successful businessman

### Issue Stances:

- Economy: advocate for legislation that lifts the prospects of all Americans while ensuring that worker's rights, including unionization, are protected
- Environment: taking bold steps to address climate change, such as following the Paris Climate Accords, reducing greenhouse gas emissions, and strengthening the EPA
- Government budget: make responsible investments in all levels of education, expand access to high quality and affordable healthcare, protect Social Security, Medicare, and veterans' benefits
- Housing: Beatty supports making housing more affordable while protecting against abusive housing practices by landlords

### Issue Stances:

- Immigration: Stop the invasion of our Southern Border
- Economy: keep the government out of Americans' lives, balance the US federal government's budget, and investigate as well as persecute corruption within our government . Lowering inflation by curbing irresponsible government spending
- Foreign policy: Maintain the best military in the world, keep providing economic and military aid to Ukraine and Israel
- Government: uphold the Constitution and instate term limits for all congresspeople and senators

### Sources:

- [https://ballotpedia.org/Ohio%27s\\_3rd\\_Congressional\\_District\\_election,\\_2024](https://ballotpedia.org/Ohio%27s_3rd_Congressional_District_election,_2024)
- <https://beatty.house.gov/issues>

# United States House - District 4

## Tamie Wilson (D)

## Jim Jordan (R)

<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Entrepreneur</li><li>• Involved in her community through organizations such as the League of Women Voters, the National Association for the Advancement of Colored People, the American Cancer Society, the American Heart Association, and Kiwanis.</li></ul>	<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Jim Jordan has represented Ohio's Fourth Congressional District since 2007</li><li>• Congressman Jordan helped found the House Freedom Caucus, and served as its first chairman</li><li>• Congressman Jordan formerly served as Chairman of the House Republican Study Committee, the largest caucus of conservatives.</li><li>• Jordan also serves as the Chairman of the House Judiciary Committee and Chairman of the Subcommittee on the Weaponization of the Federal Government</li></ul>
<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Civil Rights: Tamie Wilson support laws to protect women from sexual harassment, sexual assault, and domestic violence.</li><li>• Health: Wilson plans to expand access to universal healthcare</li><li>• Public Safety: Wilson plans to combat the opioid crisis through rehab centers and foster care organizations</li><li>• Economy: Wilson hopes to ensure that large corporation pay their share of taxes and believes this will help small businesses</li></ul>	<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Government Reform: Congressman Jordan hopes to reduce government spending by reducing redundancies in government agencies</li><li>• Border Security: Congressman Jordan is "steadfastly against illegal immigration and amnesty for illegal immigrants"</li><li>• Abortion and Family: Congressman Jordan is Pro-Life and believes that life begins at conception. Congressman Jordan is against any attempts to redefine marriage and believes parents have the right to supervise how their child is educated</li></ul>

Source:

<https://www.tamiewilson.com/>  
<https://jordan.house.gov/>

# United States House - District 5

## Keith Mundy (D)

## Bob Latta (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Keith Mundy was a campaign manager for Jeffrey Sites in Ohio's Fourth Congressional District
- Owned a legal documents research and delivery business and formerly worked as a legal researcher and labor law investigator.

### Experience/Background:

- Bob Latta has represented Ohio's Fifth Congressional District since 2007
- Congressman Latta is the chair of the Subcommittee on Communications and Technology, a senior member of the House Energy and Commerce Committee, and a member of the Subcommittee on Energy, Climate, and Grid Security and the Subcommittee on Health
- Congressman Latta has had 33 bills and provisions signed into law during his Congressional tenure

### Issue Stances:

- Education: Keith Mundy hopes to guarantee Universal Early Childhood Education, make higher education institutes more affordable, and support student debt relief policies.
- Border Control: Mundy plans to target issues within Central America to fix the border
- Health and Safety: Mundy supports a drug policy similar to that of Portugal, which personal possession of drugs is treated as an administrative offense instead of a crime.

### Issue Stances:

- Abortion: Congressman Latta leads support for the SAVE Moms and Babies Act, which plans to prevent the Food and Drug Administration from approving labeling changes on abortion drugs while prohibiting the remote dispensing of these substances
- Border Control: Congressman Latta supports the end of "catch and release" policies, the reinstatement of Migrant Protection Protocols, and a border wall.
- Energy: Congressman Latta supports North American energy dependence and "all-of-the-above" energy policies

Source:

<https://www.keithmundyforcongress.com/>  
<https://latta.house.gov/>

# United States House - District 6

## Michael Kripchak (D)

## Michael Rulli (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Michael Kripchak was born and raised in Youngstown, Ohio. He then moved to Massachusetts as a part of the Air Force where he spent most of the time in research and development of weapon systems
- He briefly moved to LA to pursue a career in entertainment before going to graduate school at NYU-Tisch and founding an electronic signal location tracking for aerial drones.
- When he ran for congress he focused on a couple of main points such as enforcing manufacturing jobs to the Ohio river valley, reinvigorating the education system to incorporate practical life skills, and finally work with local farmers to move away from the Big Agriculture control by giving the right to seed strains

### Experience/Background:

- Michael Rulli was born and raised in Ohio within Mahoning Valley
- Rulli has experience in government, having served two terms in the Ohio senate
  - He was also elected to the Leetonia School Board as president of the board

### Issue Stances:

- *Economy:* Increase in wages for workers and to move manufacturing jobs back to the US from foreign countries. He also supports blue collar jobs that don't require as much higher education and are easily attainable. Kripchak is also a big supporter of strong unions and believes empowering unions will help the economy.
- *Education:* Supports "whole person concept" which sends higher funding to education and supports wholistic skill teaching in schools
- *Healthcare:* Lifting the payroll tax cap to expand Social Security and lowering costs for prescription drugs and co-pays

### Issue Stances:

- *Immigration:* Calls for immigration reform and tackling human trafficking and fentanyl issues within the state. Discusses how illegal immigration depresses wages for Americans.
- *Economy:* He believes entrepreneurship is the backbone of economy and wants to incentivize investment in the private sector by reducing regulations. He also wants to reduce government spending and fiscal security

# United States House - District 7

## Matthew Diemer (D)

## Max Miller (R)

### Experience + Stances:

- International business career in China and Taiwan, small business owner in Cuyahoga County. He has run for Ohio's 7th District seat previously, but has no political experience.
- Economy/Spending: Diemer intends to advocate for Zero Based Budgeting, a budgeting method where every expense must be justified for each new period.
- Abortion Access: Diemer plans to support national legislation and a national constitutional amendment modeled on Ohio's Reproductive Freedom Amendment.

### Experience + Stances:

- Former US Marine Corps Reserve Corporal from 2013 to 2019, Deputy Campaign Manager on former President Trump's reelection campaign, Senior advisor to President Trump, and US Representative since 2023.
- Economy/Inflation: Miller plans to curb spending and lower taxes, and has supported bills to reduce food costs in America.
- Education: Miller emphasizes rejecting critical race theory and sexual indoctrination at our schools, and encouraging learning regarding American civics and skills.

## Dennis Kucinich (I)

### Experience:

- Former Member of the Cleveland City Council from 1983 to 1985, Mayor of Cleveland from 1977 to 1979, Ohio State Senator from 1995 to 1979, US Representative for Ohio's 10th District from 1997 to 2013.

## Kucinich (I) cont.

### Stances:

- Kucinich intends to cut the US deficit by advocating that the US government stop financing foreign adventures and focus primarily on national security and treasury.
- Kucinich has consistently fought for parity for farmers and has challenged the predatory practices of agricultural monopolies.

### Sources:

<https://www.votemaxmiller.com/>

<https://www.kucinich.com/>

<https://diemerforcongress.com/>

# United States House - District 8

## Vanessa Enoch (D)

## Warren Davidson (R)

<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Vanessa Enoch was born and raised in Cincinnati, Ohio.</li><li>• She has over sixteen years of corporate operations experience and is a small business owner herself.</li><li>• She has also worked as a college professor and was Department Chair and Dean of Students before running for election.</li><li>• She has no prior political experience, but has years of experience in advocacy work.</li></ul>	<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Warren Davidson was born and raised in Sidney, Ohio</li><li>• Warren Davidson served in the United States Army immediately after graduating from high school from 1988 to 2000, served as House of Representative member from 2016 to present</li><li>• Earned an appointment to West Point Academy where he graduated near top of his class as a student of American history and mechanical engineering</li></ul>
<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Public Education: Vanessa Enoch plans to help restructure educational systems by encouraging the use of different methods of learning (such as hybrid models). She also is striving for paying teachers better to ensure quality work</li><li>• Reproductive Freedom: Vanessa Enoch aims to codify the rights that were overturned with Roe v. Wade and fight for women to have the right to do with their body what they want</li><li>• Gerrymandering: Vanessa Enoch believes that many Ohio districts need changed to help ensure fair and quality elections</li></ul>	<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Pro-Life: Warren Davidson believes life starts at conception and will fight to stop American taxpayer money from funding organizations such as Planned Parenthood</li><li>• Tax Reform: Warren Davidson aims to provide fundamental tax reform that lowers rates, simplifies the system, and eliminates special interest breaks and loopholes</li><li>• Immigration: Warren Davidson plans to oppose giving illegal immigrants amnesty and changing different social programs, such as welfare, to stop encouraging illegal immigration</li></ul>

Source:

<https://enochforcongress.com/>  
<https://davidson.house.gov/>

# United States House - District 9

## **Marcy Kaptur (D)**

### Experience + Stances:

- Marcy Kaptur is currently the longest serving woman in Congress, and has been representing the 9th district for 41 years since 1983.
- Economy/Trade: Kaptur is fighting to bring jobs home, take away tax breaks from companies that ship jobs overseas, and for tariffs that protect Ohio-based factories and companies..
- Abortion Access; Marcy opposes a national abortion ban, especially a ban that would not make exceptions for rape, incest or life of the mother. Marcy knows that the criminalization of reproductive healthcare must be fought in every instance.

## **Derek Merrin (R)**

### Experience + Stances:

- Derek Merrin has been a member of the Ohio House of Representatives since 2016, serving the 47th and 42nd districts of Ohio. Prior to that, he was previously the Mayor of Waterville, and has also worked for Ohio Auditor Dave Yost.
- Economy: Merrin intends to support a constitutional amendment to require a balanced budget. He believes that we must address the high cost of living, reduce Northwest Ohio's tax burden, and bring American jobs back to America.
- Energy: Merrin plans to push for the development of all sources of power at our disposal to meet the demand, lower costs, and support American jobs.

## **Tom Pruss (L)**

### Experience :

- Tom Pruss has been a small business owner with a career in the printing industry. He has previously been the President for the Polish American Community of Toledo, and been involved in races for the Toledo School Board and Lucas County Clerk of Courts.

## **Pruss (L) cont.**

### Stances:

- Economy/Inflation: Pruss intends to focus on slashing spending and balancing the budget in order to crush inflation and ignite a more vibrant economy.
- Education: Pruss believes that we need to cut federal involvement, through actions such as abolish the Department of Education, return funds to states and taxpayers, and get the government out of student loans to drive down costs.

Source:

<https://marcykaptur.com/>  
<https://www.derekmerrin.com/>  
<https://votepruss.com/>

# United States House - District 10

## Amy Cox (D)

## Michael Turner (R)

### Experience + Stances:

- Amy Cox has a background working education, she was a science teacher from 2003 to 2018. She is currently the Director of Operations at Guided by Mushrooms, a worker-owned cooperative.
- Abortion Access: Cox intends to codify Roe v Wade and leave personal medical decisions between women and their doctors.
- Employment: Cox endeavours to continue standing with working people, labour unions, and the middle class, as they are the backbone of our economy.

### Experience + Stances:

- Mike Turner has practiced law for over 17 years and owns a private legal practice specializing in corporate law. He has also served two terms as the Mayor of Dayton. He is currently the Representative for the 10th District and has been since 2003.
- Economy/Jobs: Turner intends to continue supporting manufacturing, defense industry, and high tech jobs that are important drivers of our local economy.
- Veterans: Turner supports access to quality health care and housing for veterans.

## Michael Harbaugh (I)

### Experience:

- After gaining his Bachelor's degree from Ohio University, Harbaugh is now a small business owner, running a food truck.

## Harbaugh (I) cont.

### Stances:

- Labour Unions: Harbaugh is passionate about the representation of the working class population in government, and supports labour reform bills and unionizing efforts.
- Healthcare: Harbaugh supports the implementation of a universal healthcare system for all citizens.

Source:

<https://voteamycox.com/>

<https://www.miketurner.com/index.php>

<https://www.harbaugh4congress.com/>

[https://ballotpedia.org/Michael\\_Harbaugh](https://ballotpedia.org/Michael_Harbaugh)

# United States House - District 11

## Shontel Brown (D)

## Alan Rapoport (R)

### Experience + Stances:

- Shontel Brown is the current Representative for Ohio's 11st District and has been since 2021. Prior to this role, she served as a Cuyahoga County and Warrensville Heights City Council member.
- Infrastructure: Brown has supported the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law, bringing jobs to Northeast Ohio, improving public transportation, delivering clean water to families, and expanding access to high-speed internet.
- Economy/Jobs: Brown has supported raising the federal minimum wage and securing the right to public employees to organize and collectively bargain.

### Experience + Stances:

- Alan Rapoport has been a practicing attorney for almost 50 years. He was also formerly the Council President/Mayor for Cleveland Heights City Council, and has served on various boards and associations.
- Abortion Access: Rapoport does not support having any uniform federal standard for abortion and believes that abortion standards should be regulated by state laws.
- Education: Rapoport believes that student loan forgiveness is unfair to taxpayers, emphasis needs to be given on education assisting entry into the trades, and more civic education is necessary to have informed and engaged citizens.

## Sean Freeman (I)

### Experience:

- Sean Freeman has spent time campaigning for Cleveland Mayor Justin Bibbs and US Senate candidates. He is currently working as a financial analyst.

## Freeman (I) cont.

### Stances:

- Abortion Access: Freeman stand's behind the people of Ohio's choice with Issue 1, and believes we need stronger education and protection for women.
- Border Security: Freeman supports the idea that we must modernize our technology to screen individuals, and the border itself, in order to end trafficking and increase security.

Source:

<https://shontelbrown.com>

<https://rapoport4congress.com>

<https://www.freemanforcongress.com>

# United States House - District 12

## Jerrad Christian (D)

## Troy Balderson (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Jerrad Christian was born in southern Ohio. He was born into and raised in poverty and has worked hard to make a name for himself and his family
- Immediately following high school, Jerrad Christian joined the United States Navy.
- Jerrad Christian was a Republican by default his entire life until Trump came to presidency. After seeing the impacts, he registered as a Democrat and has decided to run.
- He has no prior political experience

### Experience/Background:

- Troy Balderson was born and raised in Muskingum County, Ohio and graduated from Zanesville High School.
- Member of the Ohio House of Representatives from 2009 to 2011, Member of the Ohio Senate from 2011 to 2018, Member of the United States House of Representatives from 2018 to present

### Issue Stances:

- **Reproduction Rights:** Jerrad Christian aims to protect birth control, IVF, and codify abortion rights that were previously given by Roe v. Wade. He believes infringing on these rights are attacks on personal liberty and privacy
- **Healthcare:** Jerrad Christian plans to support universal healthcare and prove the scarcity narrative is a lie
- **Community Based Power Projects:** Jerrad Christian plans to support community-based micro-grids to help promote energy independence and provide jobs to Ohioans.

### Issue Stances:

- **Healthcare:** Troy Balderson aims to expand access to affordable and quality healthcare for rural Ohioans. He also supports innovations such as telehealth and remote patient monitoring services to improve health outcomes
- **Economy and Workforce Development:** Troy Balderson plans to find solutions to help support small businesses in Ohio to better prepare students to enter the future workforce.
- **American Energy Leadership:** Troy Balderson wants to restore American energy independence and foster policies that stops reliance on foreign energy

Source:

<https://www.christianforohio.com/>

<https://balderson.house.gov/>

# United States House - District 13

## Emilia Sykes (D)

## Kevin Coughlin (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Emilia Sykes was born in Akron, Ohio graduated from Kent State and then went to University of Florida before coming back to Ohio
- Emilia Sykes served as a House Representative in Ohio for 4 years, 3 of which she was the House Minority Leader.

### Experience/Background:

- Kevin Coughlin grew up in Ohio and went to school at Bowling Green University and has his Masters in Public Administration from Bowling Green
- He has experience in the House of Representative for two and a half terms as well as the Senate for four years

### Issue Stances:

- *Reproductive rights:* Emilia Sykes is pro-choice and believes women have the right to decide on abortions
- *Economy:* Strong supporter of unions and lowering costs within communities by lowering taxes
- *Bipartisanship:* Generally supports bipartisan bills such as the Lower Your Taxes Act, the RAIL Act, and the Mental health improvement act

### Issue Stances:

- *Education:* Passionate about creating education opportunities to fight the cycle of poverty and got involved with scholarship programs in Ohio
- *Crime and Safety:* Hard on crime and in support of protecting police departments. Supports resources for domestic abuse victims through the law
- *Economy:* Lower budget for Congress, wants to have a competitive tax rate and led efforts to cut the income and estate taxes
- *Energy:* Wants to reduce America's dependence on international energy by supporting local oil, gas, and renewable energy projects

### Source:

<https://sykes.house.gov/about/votes-and-legislation>  
<https://www.emiliasykesforcongress.com/about>  
<https://kevincoughlin.com/about/>  
<https://kevincoughlin.com/issues/>

# United States House - District 14

## Brian Kenderes (D)

## David Joyce (R)

<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Lack of information, independent research recommended</li></ul>	<p><u>Experience/Background:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>David Joyce assumed office as the 14th district representative 1/3/13 and his current term will end 1/3/25.</li><li>He served as the prosecuting attorney of Geauga County from 1988-2012 after serving as a public defender in Geauga and Cuyahoga counties.</li><li>Joyce currently serves on the House Committee on Appropriations and is the Chairman for the Subcommittee on Financial Services and General Government and was elected Chairman of the Republican Governance Group in 2022.</li></ul>
<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Issue stances not available</li></ul>	<p><u>Issue Stances:</u></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>Economy and employment: David Joyce is a member of the Buy American Caucus and prioritizes small Ohio businesses. He plans to rebuild from the pandemic by reducing inflation with fiscal policies.</li><li>Environment: Co-Chairs the House Great Lakes Task Force and legislated the Great Lakes Restoration Initiative.</li><li>Public Safety: Co-founded the Bipartisan Task Force to End Sexual Violence, joined the IMPACTT Human Trafficking Act, and Supporting and Improving Rural EMS Needs Reauthorization Act.</li></ul>

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# United States House - District 15

## Adam Miller (D)

## Mike Carey (R)

### Experience/Background:

- Adam Miller’s career began as a public school teacher, administrator, and later school district counsel and Chair of the Ohio State Bar Association’s Education Law Committee. As a representative, he specializes in Public Law, Education Litigation, and educational entities.
- He has a 28 year long military career with multiple deployments and leadership as a Rule of Law Director.
- His legislation in the Ohio House of Representatives has prioritized public education, veteran support, and civil rights.

### Experience/Background:

- Mike Carey is the incumbent candidate and assumed office on 11/4/21.
- He was appointed to the House Committee on Ways and Means and Committee on House Administration. He serves as the Chairman of the House Communications Standards Commission, Deputy Majority Whip and Co-Chair of the National Republican Congressional Committee.
- Carey previously worked at American Consolidated Natural Resources, Murray Energy Corporation, and Ohio Coal Association.

### Issue Stances:

- College Affordability: Adam Miller support public spending and investment in public education and universal access to educational resources. He prioritizes higher education as accessible and affordable.
- Healthcare and Mental Health: Miller supports comprehensive healthcare including mental health and addiction recovery services.
- Housing Affordability: Miller advocates for low-income and first-time homebuyer assistance, and affordable housing units.

### Issue Stances:

- Social Security: Carey serves as the Vice Chairman of the Social Security Subcommittee and co-sponsored the Social Security Fairness Act.
- Law Enforcement: Vance has introduced several bills prioritizing support for law enforcement, veterans, and first responders.
- Housing Affordability: Carey advocates for housing affordability through tax credits. He also advocates for tax cuts for business and job creation.

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