

# OSMAPAC

## 2010 Election Guide

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Undecided about how you are going to vote in the November elections? The Ohio State Medical Association Political Action Committee (OSMAPAC) 2010 Election Guide includes voting recommendations regarding the candidates that best reflect the concerns of the medical community and issues of concern to physicians and their patients.

### Ohio Supreme Court

The Ohio Supreme Court elections remain a top priority for Ohio physicians. The OSMA and its members worked tirelessly to pass tort reform and to elect Supreme Court candidates who have a respect for the separation of powers between the judicial and legislative branches of government. We have seen the fruits of our labor: the medical liability marketplace in Ohio is stabilizing, and the Supreme Court is now comprised of a majority of Justices who believe in interpreting the law rather than legislating from the bench. Nevertheless, we cannot become complacent. Ohio physicians have come too far to relinquish the Court to activist judges who don't believe in judicial restraint.

### Absentee (Early) Voting

In order to make voting more convenient and to help voters avoid long lines on Election Day, Ohio now has what is known as "no excuse" absentee voting. This means that any qualified Ohio voter can obtain an absentee ballot without stating a reason.

Absentee voting begins Sept. 28, 2010, and ends Nov. 1, 2010. Once absentee ballots are available for voting, any voter may receive and return an absentee ballot in person at the county board of elections office, or receive and return the absentee ballot by U.S. Mail.

Absentee ballots must be applied for in writing. If you are properly registered to vote, you must submit your written request to the board of elections of the county in which your voting residence is located. For more information on early voting visit [www.osma.org/advocacy](http://www.osma.org/advocacy).

### Justice Maureen O'Connor

Justice Maureen O'Connor was endorsed by OSMAPAC in her previous bids to the Supreme Court both in 2002 and 2008. Justice O'Connor is currently seeking election to become Ohio's first female Chief Justice. Justice O'Connor has had a long career in public service, serving as a prosecuting attorney, judge and lieutenant governor.



With more than 20 years of experience on the bench, she has proved to be a fair and objective Justice. She has demonstrated a commitment to judicial restraint, adhering to the philosophy that the Court's job is to interpret law, not re-write it.

### Justice Judith Lanzinger

Justice Judith Lanzinger is an incumbent member of the Ohio Supreme Court, she has more than 25 years of common sense experience at every court level – municipal, common pleas, court of appeals and Supreme Court. OSMAPAC endorsed Justice Lanzinger in 2004 when she was first elected to the Supreme Court. She



is running to retain her position for another six-year term. OSMAPAC has endorsed Justice Lanzinger's candidacy for the second time, because she also shares a strong belief in judicial restraint, adhering to the philosophy that the Court's role does not expand beyond interpretation of the law.

# U.S. Senate & Ohio Governor Races

## U.S. Senate Race

*OSMAPAC Endorses Rob Portman (R)*



### **Rob Portman (R):**

Experience: Former Seven-Term Congressman (OH-12), U.S. Trade Representative, Director of the Office of Management and Budget, Attorney

#### Position on Medical Issues:

- Supports comprehensive federal medical liability reform;
- Committed to finding a fix to the flawed SGR formula, provided it is fully funded;
- Supports allowing more flexibility under Medicare to allow physicians to enter into arrangements where patients can contribute to the cost of their care;
- Supports initiatives for physicians to adopt Health IT, without imposing unfunded mandates;
- Opposed the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) due in part to the cost of the proposals and failure to fix the SGR – consistent with OSMA position.

“With a strong record of supporting medical liability reform and his concerns about the recently passed federal health system reform legislation, Ohio’s physicians believe Rob Portman is the best choice for U.S. Senate,” said Marvin H. Rorick, MD, chair of the OSMAPAC.

For more information on Mr. Portman’s campaign, please visit: [www.robportman.com](http://www.robportman.com).

## Ohio Governor’s Race

*OSMAPAC Remains Neutral*

Reasoning – Both candidates have enjoyed past support from the OSMAPAC during their political careers, both are supportive of the medical community on many important issues and each currently has significant campaign support from individual physicians. Therefore, the OSMAPAC Board felt it was best to defer to physicians to independently decide which candidate is best suited to serve as Ohio’s Chief Executive.

### **Governor Ted Strickland (D):**

Experience: Governor, Former Six-Term Congressman (OH-6), Ordained Methodist Minister, Psychologist, College Professor

#### Position on Medical Issues:

- Signed H.B. 125 “The Healthcare Simplification Act” into law – requiring fairness and transparency in contracting with HMOs
- Secured \$52 Million to help physicians and hospitals implement Electronic Health Records (EHR) in Ohio
- Increased access to health insurance for 72,000 uninsured Ohioans by expanding open enrollment and allowing children to stay on their parents’ plans until age 28
- Supports limiting insurance company “take-backs” to a shorter time period
- Supports maintaining Ohio’s medical liability reforms
- Signed S.B. 210 “Healthy Choices for Healthy Children” into law - establishing additional physical activity standards, BMI testing and nutritional standards in our schools

For more information on Gov. Strickland’s campaign, please visit: [www.tedstrickland.com](http://www.tedstrickland.com).

### **John Kasich (R):**

Experience: Former Nine-Term Congressman (OH-12), Chairman of The House Budget Committee, Managing Director at Lehman Brothers, Fox News Commentator

#### Position on Medical Issues:

- Supports expanding Ohio’s medical liability reforms
- Opposes physician provider taxes
- Supports allowing consumers to purchase health insurance across state lines
- Supports H.B. 185: Prohibiting insurance companies from unilaterally changing a contract with physicians
- Supports limiting insurance company “take-backs” to six months and prohibiting insurer retroactive denials of payment after prior authorization is approved
- Opposed to the Patient Protection and Affordable Care Act (PPACA) and supports repealing or reforming the law

For more information on Mr. Kasich’s campaign, please visit: [www.kasichforohio.com](http://www.kasichforohio.com).

## U.S. CONGRESS

OH 1	Steve Chabot	(R-Cincinnati)
OH 2	Jean Schmidt	(R-Cincinnati)
OH 3	Mike Turner	(R-Dayton)
OH 4	Jim Jordan	(R-Urbana)
OH 5	Bob Latta	(R-Bowling Green)
OH 6	Charlie Wilson	(D-St. Clairsville)
OH 7	Steve Austria	(R-Beavercreek)
OH 8	John Boehner	(R-West Chester)
OH 9	Marcy Kaptur	(D-Toledo)
OH 10**	No endorsement	
OH 11	Marcia Fudge	(D-Shaker Heights)
OH 12	Pat Tiberi	(R-Columbus)
OH 13	Tom Ganley	(R-Brecksville)
OH 14	Steven LaTourette	(R-Painesville)
OH 15	Steve Stivers	(R-Columbus)
OH 16	Jim Renacci	(R-Canton)
OH 17	Tim Ryan	(D-Youngstown)
OH 18*	Neutral	

## OHIO SENATE

SD 1	Steve Buehrer	(R-Delta)
SD 3	Kevin Bacon	(R-Columbus)
SD 5	Fred Strahorn	(D-Dayton)
SD 7	Shannon Jones	(R-Springboro)
SD 9	Eric Kearney	(D-Cincinnati)
SD 11	Edna Brown	(D-Toledo)
SD 13	Gayle Manning	(R-North Ridgeville)
SD 15	Charleta Tavares	(D-Columbus)
SD 17*	Neutral	
SD 19	Kris Jordan	(R-Powell)
SD 21	Shirley Smith	(D-Cleveland)
SD 23*	Neutral	
SD 25	Nina Turner	(D-Cleveland)
SD 27	Frank LaRose	(R-Akron)
SD 29	Scott Oelslager	(R-North Canton)
SD 31	Tim Schaffer	(R-Lancaster)
SD 33	Joe Schiavoni	(D-Canfield)

## OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

HD 1	Linda Bolon	(D-Columbiana)
HD 2	Andrew Brenner	(R-Powell)
HD 3	Ron Amstutz	(R-Wooster)
HD 4	Matt Huffman	(R-Lima)
HD 5	Gerald Stebelton	(R-Lancaster)
HD 6	Randy Gardner	(R-Bowling Green)
HD 7	Kenny Yuko	(D-Euclid)
HD 8	Armond Budish	(D-Beachwood)
HD 9	Barbara Boyd	(D-Cleveland)
HD 10**	No endorsement	
HD 11	Sandra Williams	(D-Cleveland)
HD 12	John Barnes Jr.	(D-Cleveland)
HD 13**	No endorsement	
HD 14	Mike Foley	(D-Cleveland)
HD 15	Timothy DeGeeter	(D-Parma)
HD 16	Nan Baker	(R-Westlake)
HD 17*	Neutral	
HD 18	Mike Dovilla	(R-Berea)
HD 19*	Neutral	
HD 20*	Neutral	
HD 21	Mike Duffey	(R-Worthington)
HD 22	John Patrick Carney	(D-Clintonville)
HD 23	Cheryl Grossman	(R-Grove City)
HD 24	Ted Celeste	(D-Columbus)
HD 25	Michael Stinziano	(D-Columbus)
HD 26	Tracy Heard	(D-Columbus)
HD 27	W. Carlton Weddington	(D-Columbus)
HD 28	Mike Wilson	(R-Cincinnati)
HD 29	Louis Blessing	(R-Cincinnati)
HD 30**	No endorsement	
HD 31	Denise Driehaus	(D-Cincinnati)
HD 32	Dale Mallory	(D-Cincinnati)
HD 33**	No endorsement	
HD 34	Peter Stautberg	(R-Anderson Township)
HD 35	Ron Maag	(R-Salem Township)
HD 36*	Neutral	
HD 37	Peggy Lehner	(R-Kettering)
HD 38	Terry Blair	(R-Dayton)
HD 39	Jeffrey Wellbaum	(R-Dayton)
HD 40	Roland Winburn	(D-Dayton)

HD 41	Brian Williams	(D-Akron)
HD 42	Mike Moran	(D-Hudson)
HD 43	Stephen Dyer	(D-Green)
HD 44	Vernon Sykes	(D-Akron)
HD 45**	No endorsement	
HD 46**	No endorsement	
HD 47	Teresa Fedor	(D-Toledo)
HD 48	Michael Ashford	(D-Toledo)
HD 49	Matt Szollosi	(D-Oregon)
HD 50	Todd Snitchler	(R-Uniontown)
HD 51	Kirk Schuring	(R-Canton)
HD 52	Stephen Slesnick	(D-Canton)
HD 53	Timothy Derickson	(R-Oxford)
HD 54	Courtney Combs	(R-Fairfield)
HD 55**	No endorsement	
HD 56	Dan Ramos	(D-Lorain)
HD 57	Matt Lundy	(D-Elyria)
HD 58	Terry Boose	(R-Norwalk)
HD 59	Ronald Gerberry	(D-Austintown)
HD 60**	No endorsement	
HD 61	Mark Okey	(D-Carrollton)
HD 62	Lorraine Fende	(D-Willowick)
HD 63	Mark Schneider	(D-Mentor)
HD 64	Tom Letson	(D-Warren)
HD 65**	No endorsement	
HD 66	Joe Uecker	(R-Loveland)
HD 67	Peter Beck	(R-Mason)
HD 68	Kathleen Clyde	(D-Kent)
HD 69	William Batchelder	(R-Medina)
HD 70	Jarrod Martin	(R-Beavercreek)
HD 71**	No endorsement	
HD 72**	No endorsement	
HD 73	Jay Goyal	(D-Lexington)
HD 74	Bruce Goodwin	(R-Defiance)
HD 75**	No endorsement	
HD 76	Cliff Hite	(R-Findlay)
HD 77	James Zehringer	(R-Fort Recovery)
HD 78	John Adams	(R-Sidney)
HD 79	Richard Adams	(R-Troy)
HD 80	Jeffrey Krabill	(R-Sandusky)
HD 81	Rex Damschroder	(R-Fremont)
HD 82	Jeff McClain	(R-Upper Sandusky)
HD 83	David Burke	(R-Marysville)
HD 84**	No endorsement	

HD 85	Bob Peterson	(R-Washington Courthouse)
HD 86	Cliff Rosenberger	(R-Clarksville)
HD 87	John Carey	(R-Wellston)
HD 88	Danny Bubp	(R-West Union)
HD 89	Terry Johnson	(R-Portsmouth)
HD 90	Margaret Ann Ruhl	(R-Mount Vernon)
HD 91	Dan Dodd	(D-Hebron)
HD 92	Debbie Phillips	(D-Athens)
HD 93	Andy Thompson	(R-Marietta)
HD 94	Troy Balderson	(R-Zanesville)
HD 95	Lou Gentile	(D-Steubenville)
HD 96**	No endorsement	
HD 97**	No endorsement	
HD 98	Timothy Grendell	(R-Chesterland)
HD 99	Deborah Newcomb	(D-Conneaut)

\* In races marked \*, OSMAPAC believed that both candidates demonstrated an understanding and open-minded approach to the health care issues facing Ohio and the physician community. OSMAPAC encourages you to become further educated on the platforms of these candidates and decide for yourself which person would best address the future of health care in Ohio.

\*\* In races marked \*\*, OSMAPAC has not made an endorsement for various reasons (no completed questionnaire, not enough information about either candidate, voting record, etc.). This is not the same as being neutral.

## How the Endorsement Process Works

The Ohio State Medical Association Political Action Committee (OSMAPAC) fights for Ohio physicians by helping to elect state and federal candidates who support the OSMA's policy agenda. By electing legislators who will reduce the cumbersome regulations that inhibit the practice of medicine, the OSMA is equipped with the political muscle to enact meaningful reforms for the health care industry.

OSMAPAC was established to promote the improvement of government for physicians and their patients. OSMAPAC encourages physicians and patients to understand the important political issues that affect the practice of medicine.

The OSMAPAC Board of Directors made endorsements based on the following criteria:

- A candidate's philosophy on key issues
- A candidate's voting record (if applicable)
- A candidate's completed OSMAPAC questionnaire (if applicable)
- A candidate's interview (if applicable)
- District demographics and a candidate's ability to win
- Recommendations from local OSMA members

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