



130th
Ohio General Assembly
Voting Record

(January 2013 — June 2014)

The Free Enterprise SPOTLIGHT



SEN. TROY BALDERSON

Sen. Balderson has not wavered in his commitment to free enterprise since joining the Ohio General Assembly. Through this session, he has maintained his 100 percent lifetime pro-business score. He also sponsored Senate Bill 310, which wisely hits the pause button for two years on Ohio's energy mandates and ensures that employers have some protection against escalating compliance costs in the meantime.

REP. CHERYL GROSSMAN

It was never going to be easy passing an important bill like House Bill 5, which achieves municipal income tax reform and uniformity. That didn't stop Rep. Grossman, though, who sponsored the bill and helped lead it to passage in the House. When combined with her 100 percent pro-business score so far this session, it's easy to see why she deserves special recognition.



SEN. BILL SEITZ

In the debate over how Ohio should solve issues related to its costly energy mandates, you don't have to look far to find Sen. Seitz. He was a leader throughout the process, always keeping the interests of employers in mind. He also has a 100 percent pro-business score for the session and a 96 percent lifetime score.

REP. KIRK SCHURING

Rep. Schuring has had a long and distinguished career in the legislature. Over the past 22 years, he has amassed an impressive lifetime pro-business score of 93 percent, spanning 176 votes. His commitment to Ohio's employers doesn't end there, though. He was an advocate for the business community on several key issues, including winning support for House Bill 5 and leading the charge to stop the abuse of joint economic development zones that was harming Ohio businesses.



REP. STEPHEN SLESNICK

As vice president of Ohio Chamber member company Slesnick Iron & Metal, Rep. Slesnick knows a thing or two about business. That's evident in his pro-business voting record score for this session, which is an outstanding 100 percent. He is the only Democrat to achieve a perfect score, helping confirm the need for more men and women with business experience in the General Assembly.

Legislature Keeps Ohio Moving in the **RIGHT DIRECTION**

Ohio's economy continues to make progress, and the General Assembly has been doing its part to maintain the momentum. To this point in the 130th General Assembly, a number of bills have been passed that will make Ohio a better place to do business. You can find out what those bills are and who voted for them in this edition of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce General Assembly Voting Record.

The Ohio Chamber has been publishing a voting record for more than two decades. It is an important tool for holding legislators accountable for how their work impacts Ohio's business climate. We hope that you, as an Ohio Chamber member, will use it to gauge your legislators' performance and to make informed decisions as to who you will support come Election Day.

Bills that are reviewed by the Ohio Chamber are either supported or opposed. As a testament to the 130th

General Assembly, every key vote during the current session was on a bill supported by the Ohio Chamber. That means Ohio's employers have been able to work with the legislature to make Ohio better for business.

There are 52 members of the House of Representatives who scored 100 percent for this session, and 20 senators with a perfect score. With pro-business majorities in both chambers, there is a great opportunity to continue pushing Ohio forward through the end of the year and beyond.

Ohio has great economic potential, and for it to be fully realized, members of the General Assembly must make a healthy business climate a priority. This is your opportunity to see if your legislator has been doing just that.

Voting Record Criteria

To ensure the objectivity of this record, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce has established the following strict criteria for the inclusion of votes.

- 1** Only roll-call floor votes on issues that impact Ohio's business community will be used.
- 2** The chamber, through its member-driven issue committees, must have taken a "Support" or "Oppose" position on the legislation prior to the floor vote. If the chamber has taken a position and informed all legislators of that position, the vote will appear in the voting record.
- 3** The chamber must inform all legislators of its position prior to the floor vote. All legislators will be informed of the chamber staff lobbyist to contact for more information.
- 4** Roll-call votes on floor amendments may be included, but only if the chamber has informed all legislators, in writing and prior to the vote(s), of its position on expected amendment(s).
- 5** Certain legislation, because of its importance, may be given additional weight in the compilation of the voting record, but only if the chamber has informed all legislators, in writing and prior to the vote, that the legislation may be subject to weighting.
- 6** Because the legislative process may significantly alter the substance of legislation after its passage in one house, the inclusion of a vote on legislation in one house does not necessarily mean a vote in the second house will be used in the voting record.

How They Voted 2013-2014

OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES Pro-Business Scores

Legislator	Session %	Lifetime %
Adams, J.	★ 100%	97%
Adams, R.	83%	97%
Amstutz	★ 100%	95%
Anielski	★ 100%	100%
Antonio	67%	43%
Ashford	67%	38%
Baker	★ 100%	90%
Barborak	67%	67%
Barnes	67%	73%
Batchelder	★ 100%	93%
Beck	★ 100%	100%
Becker	★ 100%	100%
Bishoff	60%	60%
Blair	★ 100%	93%
Blessing III	83%	83%
Boose	★ 100%	96%
Boyce	67%	78%
Boyd	0%	67%
Brenner	★ 100%	100%
Brown	83%	83%
Buchy	★ 100%	95%
Budish	60%	53%
Burkley	83%	83%
Butler	83%	95%
Carney	67%	50%
Celebrezze	67%	43%
Cera	67%	42%
Clyde	67%	48%
Conditt	★ 100%	100%
Curtin	67%	67%
Damschroder	★ 100%	98%
Derickson	★ 100%	100%
DeVitis	★ 100%	100%
Dovilla	★ 100%	100%
Driehaus	67%	50%
Duffey	83%	95%
Fedor	67%	66%
Foley	60%	45%
Gerberry	67%	68%
Gonzales	★ 100%	100%
Green	★ 100%	100%
Grossman	★ 100%	97%
Hackett	★ 100%	93%
Hagan, C.	★ 100%	100%
Hagan, R.	67%	64%
Hall	★ 100%	100%
Hayes	★ 100%	100%
Heard	67%	53%
Henne	★ 100%	100%

Legislator	Session %	Lifetime %
Hill	★ 100%	100%
Hood	★ 100%	97%
Hottinger	★ 100%	96%
Huffman	★ 100%	97%
Johnson	★ 100%	95%
Kunze	★ 100%	100%
Landis	★ 100%	100%
Letson	67%	54%
Lundy	67%	51%
Lynch	★ 100%	100%
Maag	★ 100%	96%
Mallory	67%	68%
McClain	★ 100%	97%
McGregor	60%	93%
Milkovich	67%	48%
O'Brien	60%	45%
Patmon	67%	48%
Patterson	67%	67%
Pelanda	83%	93%
Perales	★ 100%	100%
Phillips	67%	40%
Pillich	80%	59%
Ramos	60%	25%
Redfern	60%	73%
Reece	67%	48%
Retherford	★ 100%	100%
Roegner	★ 100%	100%
Rogers	67%	67%
Romanchuk	83%	83%
Rosenberger	★ 100%	100%
Ruhl	★ 100%	97%
Scherer	★ 100%	100%
Schuring	★ 100%	93%
Sears	★ 100%	94%
Sheehy*	50%	50%
Slaby	★ 100%	100%
Slesnick	★ 100%	66%
Smith	★ 100%	100%
Sprague	★ 100%	100%
Stautberg	★ 100%	100%
Stebelton	★ 100%	90%
Stinziano	67%	54%
Strahorn	67%	66%
Sykes	50%	69%
Terhar	★ 100%	100%
Thompson	★ 100%	100%
Wachtmann	★ 100%	97%
Williams	83%	54%
Winburn	67%	43%
Young	★ 100%	95%

OHIO SENATE Pro-Business Scores

Legislator	Session %	Lifetime %
Bacon	★ 100%	94%
Balderson	★ 100%	100%
Beagle	80%	94%
Brown	80%	71%
Burke	★ 100%	95%
Cafaro	80%	75%
Coley	★ 100%	100%
Eklund	★ 100%	91%
Faber	★ 100%	94%
Gardner	80%	92%
Gentile	80%	56%
Hite	★ 100%	100%
Hughes	★ 100%	92%
Jones	★ 100%	96%
Jordan	80%	92%
Kearney	60%	70%
LaRose	★ 100%	88%
Lehner	★ 100%	88%
Manning	80%	75%
Obhof	★ 100%	100%
Oelslager	★ 100%	84%
Patton	★ 100%	88%
Peterson	★ 100%	100%
Sawyer	80%	72%
Schaffer	★ 100%	98%
Schiavoni	80%	68%
Seitz	★ 100%	96%
Skindell	80%	56%
Smith	★ 100%	71%
Tavares	80%	46%
Turner	80%	65%
Uecker	★ 100%	97%
Widener	★ 100%	99%

★ Achieved a perfect 100 percent pro-business voting record for the full legislative session

* Appointed to fill a vacancy and thus did not cast votes on all voting record bills

Session % — Percentage of votes cast in support of chamber position during 130th General Assembly

Lifetime % — Percentage of votes cast in support of chamber position during entire legislative career

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Bill Categories and Descriptions

ENERGY & ENVIRONMENT

ENERGY MANDATE FREEZE — SB 310

Hits the pause button on Ohio's six-year-old renewable energy and electric usage reduction mandates and establishes a process for the legislature to further consider the impact of these mandates on job creation and our economy.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Senate and House Voting Records

HUMAN RESOURCES & BENEFITS

SHAREDWORK — SB 25

Permits employers, in lieu of layoffs, to reduce the hours of some employees on a temporary basis, allowing them to retain skilled workers for when business improves.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: PASSED SENATE**

Senate Voting Record

SHAREDWORK — HB 37

Permits employers, in lieu of layoffs, to reduce the hours of some employees on a temporary basis, allowing them to retain skilled workers for when business improves.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

House Voting Record

LEGAL & BUSINESS REGULATION

RULE-MAKING PROCEDURES — SB 3

Plugs significant gaps in Ohio's

regulatory oversight process by subjecting any rule-making by the five statewide elective offices to a business impact analysis and requiring that one ultimately be completed on each of the more than 15,000 existing rules in the state's administrative code.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Senate and House Voting Records

TAXATION & ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

BUSINESS TAX REFUNDS — SB 263

Reverses longstanding Ohio Department of Taxation operating practice of not informing business taxpayers of overpayments that may have been refundable by requiring the tax commissioner to notify business taxpayers of sales, commercial activity, personal income and other tax overpayments and potential refunds.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

Senate Voting Record

MUNICIPAL TAX REFORM — HB 5

Significantly reduces the municipal tax compliance costs of businesses that operate in Ohio by establishing one set of tax requirements that applies to all of the nearly 600 cities and villages that impose a municipal income tax on individuals and businesses.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE**

House Voting Record

BOARD OF TAX APPEALS MODERNIZATION — HB 138

Changes Ohio Board of Tax Appeals procedures to ensure property tax cases are resolved promptly and efficiently. Real property tax appeals, including those of commercial and industrial property, comprise more than 75 percent of the BTA's case docket, and these changes not only enable the fair adjudication of property tax valuation disputes but will also reduce the pending case backlog.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: SIGNED BY GOVERNOR**

House and Senate Voting Records

BUSINESS TAX REFUNDS — HB 402

Reverses longstanding Ohio Department of Taxation operating practice of not informing business taxpayers of overpayments that may have been refundable by requiring the tax commissioner to notify business taxpayers of sales, commercial activity, personal income and other tax overpayments and potential refunds.

**OHIO CHAMBER POSITION – SUPPORT
STATUS: PASSED HOUSE**

House Voting Record

Voting Record Historical Averages **HISTORICAL AVERAGES**

Ohio House of Representatives		Ohio Senate	
126th General Assembly (2005-06)	76.5%	126th General Assembly (2005-06)	76.3%
127th General Assembly (2007-08)	80.4%	127th General Assembly (2007-08)	83.2%
128th General Assembly (2009-10)	72.3%	128th General Assembly (2009-10)	97.0%
129th General Assembly (2011-12)	77.4%	129th General Assembly (2011-12)	84.2%
130th General Assembly (2013-14)	84.5%	130th General Assembly (2013-14)	91.5%



Ohio Chamber News and Information

For important news and information regarding Ohio's business community, be sure to read our blogs, Talking Policy and Pro-Biz Politics, on our website at www.ohiochamber.com. Talking Policy is focused on issues impacting Ohio's business climate, while Pro-Biz Politics concentrates on candidates, campaigns and elections. Updated regularly by the Ohio Chamber's government affairs team, these blogs are a must read for everyone interested in policy or politics.

The blogs complement our members-only publication, Legislative Update, a weekly review of the Ohio General Assembly's work on legislation that impacts your business.

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