

# OHIO LAWMAKER EQUALITY SCORECARD

# 2022

The Lawmaker Equality Scorecard is Equality Ohio's review of the legislative records and campaign statements of Ohio's current and, for some races, future lawmakers. These grades are based on voting records and campaign statements regarding LGBTQ+ issues, civil rights, and racial justice.

Register to vote by **Oct 11**  
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Republican  
 Democrat



## Statewide Offices

US Senate	
Tim Ryan	B+
JD Vance	F
Ohio Governor	
Mike DeWine	C-
Nan Whaley	A
Ohio Secretary of State	
Chelsea Clark	B+
Frank LaRose	C-
Ohio Attorney General	
Jeff Crossman	A
David Yost	F
Ohio Auditor	
Keith Faber	C-
Taylor Sappington	A

## Ohio Senate

District	Senator	Ally Score
1	Rob McColley	D+
2	Theresa Gavarone	D+
3	Tina Maharath	A+
4	George Lang	C-
5	Steve Huffman	C-
6	Niraj Antani	C-
7	Steve Wilson	F
8	Lou Blessing	C-
9	Cecil Thomas	A
10	Bob Hackett	D
11	Teresa Fedor	A
12	Matt Huffman	D+
13	Nathan Manning	B
14	Terry Johnson	F
15	Hearcel Craig	A
16	Stephanie Kunze	B+
17	Bob Peterson	D+
18	Jerry Cirino	F
19	Andrew Brenner	C
20	Tim Schaffer	D+
21	Sandra Williams**	A
22	Mark Romanchuk	D
23	Nickie Antonio	A+
24	Matt Dolan	B+
25	Kenny Yuko	A
26	Bill Reineke	D
27	Kristina Roegner	F
28	Vernon Sykes	A
29	Kirk Schuring	B-
30	Frank Hoagland	D+
31	Jay Hottinger	D
32	Sandra O'Brien	F
33	Michael Rulli	B+

## Ohio House of Representatives

District	Representative	Ally Score
1	Scott Wiggam	F
2	Marilyn John	F
3	Haraz Ghanbari	D
4	Bob Cupp	D+
5	Tim Ginter	D-
6	Phil Robinson	A
7	Tom Patton	D+
8	Kent Smith	A
9	Janine Boyd**	A
10	Terrence Upchurch	A
11	Shayla Davis*	A
12	Juanita Brent	A
13	Michael Skindell	A+
14	Bride Rose Sweeney	A
15	Jeff Crossman	A-
16	Monique Smith	A
17	Adam Miller	A
18	Kristin Boggs	A
19	Mary Lightbody	A+
20	Richard Brown	A
21	Beth Liston	A+
22	David Leland	A
23	Laura Lanese	B+
24	Allison Russo	A
25	Dontavius Jarrells	A
26	Latyna Humphrey*	A-
27	Tom Brinkman	F
28	Jessica Miranda	A
29	Cindy Abrams	D-
30	Bill Seitz	D-
31	Brigid Kelly	A
32	Catherine Ingram	A
33	Sedrick Denson	A-

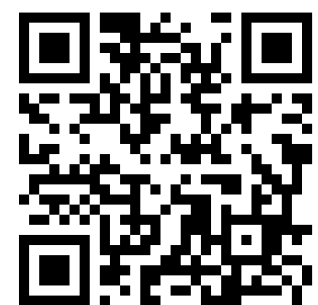
34	Emilia Sykes	A
35	Tavia Galonski	A+
36	Bob Young	D
37	Casey Weinstein	A
38	Bill Roemer	C-
39	Willis Blackshear, Jr.	A-
40	Phil Plummer	D-
41	Andrea White	C-
42	Tom Young	D-
43	Rodney Creech	F
44	Paula Hicks-Hudson	A
45	Lisa Sobecki	A
46	Michael Sheehy	A
47	Derek Merrin	F
48	Scott Oelslager	D
49	Thomas West	A
50	Reggie Stoltzfus	F
51	Sara Carruthers	D-
52	Jennifer Gross	F
53	Thomas Hall	F
54	Paul Zeltwanger	F
55	Gayle Manning	C
56	Joe Miller	A
57	Dick Stein	F
58	Michele Lepore-Hagan	A
59	Alessandro Cutrona	D-
60	Dan Troy	A
61	Jamie Callender	C
62	Scott Lipps	D
63	Mike Loychik	F
64	Michael O'Brien	A-
65	Jean Schmidt	F
66	Adam Bird	D-

67	Kris Jordan	D
68	Shawn Stevens*	C
69	Sharon Ray	D-
70	Darrell Kick	F
71	Mark Fraizer	D+
72	Kevin Miller*	F
73	Brian Lampton	C+
74	Bill Dean	F
75	Gail Pavliga	D+
76	Diane Grendell	F
77	Jeff LaRe	D
78	Brian Stewart	D
79	Kyle Koehler	D
80	Jena Powell	F
81	Jim Hoops	D
82	Craig Riedel	D-
83	Jon Cross	D-
84	Susan Manchester	C-
85	Nino Vitale	F
86	Tracy Richardson	D-
87	Riordan McClain	F
88	Gary Click	F
89	D.J. Swearingen	D
90	Brian Baldrige	F
91	Shane Wilkin	F
92	Mark Johnson	F
93	Jason Stephens	D
94	Jay Edwards	D-
95	Don Jones	F
96	Ron Ferguson	D
97	Adam Holmes	F
98	Brett Hillyer	A-
99	Sarah Fowler Arthur	F

## Ohio Supreme Court

Chief Justice	
Jennifer Brunner	Sharon Kennedy
A+	F
Justice	
Pat Fischer	Terri Jamison
C-	B+
Justice	
Pat DeWine	Marilyn Zayas
F	A

\*Appointed mid-session and scored on fewer bills than other lawmakers  
 \*\*No longer in office but served for a large majority of the 134th GA



For more information about the records of each lawmaker and candidate, visit [EqualityOhio.org/Scorecard-2022](https://EqualityOhio.org/Scorecard-2022) for a full analysis and more information on scored bills

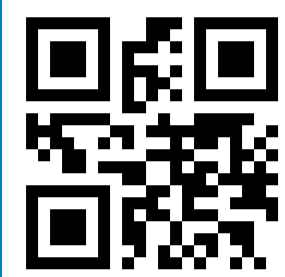
Equality Ohio's Scorecard Portal

MORE INFORMATION ON THE OHIO SUPREME COURT RACE, SCORING METHODOLOGY, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS ON REVERSE SIDE



No actions or statements occurring later than June 1, 2022 were factored into Equality Ohio's scores.

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## Most Consequential Race: Ohio Supreme Court

**What's at stake:** The Ohio Supreme Court is the top arbiter of Ohio's state constitution and laws. Each is elected to a 6-year term. The state's highest Court is an important check on the other branches of government.

**Why it matters:** Two million cases go through our state court system yearly, and the Ohio Supreme Court will hear around 1,500 of them. Whether it's ruling that the school funding formula is unconstitutional, or sending gerrymandered maps back to the Ohio Redistricting Commission, these seven Justices decide the fate of Ohio's most consequential legal disputes.

**Impact on LGBTQ+ Rights:** The Ohio Supreme Court will hear cases that involve LGBTQ+ issues, litigants, and rights. We must have Justices who understand LGBTQ+ people, support equality, and are willing to uphold LGBTQ+ civil rights.

### Types of Disputes the Ohio Supreme Court Decides:

- The constitutionality of laws passed at the state and local level
- Cases involving election disputes and redistricting
- Questions of public or great general interest
- Death penalty and other felony cases
- Administrative agency appeals

**3 of 7**  
seats on Ohio's highest court  
are up for grabs in 2022

**Did you know?** This year, for the first time, party affiliation will appear next to judicial candidate names on the ballot.

## What We Looked For in Judicial Candidates

Character | Competency | Consistency in Judicial Philosophy | Respect for Civil Rights  
Commitment to Transparency & Judicial Ethics  
Judicial Independence from Partisan Politics

### Chief Justice



Brunner

**A+**



Kennedy

**F**

### Justice



Fischer

**C-**



Jamison

**B+**



DeWine

**F**



Zayas

**A**

## Leaders When it Counted in the 134th General Assembly



**Senator Nickie Antonio** (Dist. 23) is Ohio's first openly LGBTQ+ legislator and has been a true champion for equality. She has sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act for over a decade and championed other affirming bills. She is pushing to modernize Ohio's HIV laws to reflect advances made in HIV medical care and continues to promote smart legislation that respects civil rights for all.



**Representative Brett Hillyer** (Dist. 98) has been a consistently strong advocate for LGBTQ+ equality in Ohio. As a primary sponsor of the Ohio Fairness Act, Hillyer has led by example by using his pulpit through op-eds, public statements, one-on-one conversations with policy makers, and engagement with LGBTQ+ leaders to highlight the importance of bipartisan collaboration to build inclusivity in Ohio.



**Representative Phil Robinson** (Dist. 6) has proven he is a reliable ally for LGBTQ+ Ohioans. More than once this session, Robinson spoke on the House floor to express unapologetic support for transgender youth athletes. Robinson has shown leadership by boldly standing up to fellow representatives who attempted to cram harmful, extreme anti-trans provisions into unrelated legislation.



**Senator Matt Dolan** (Dist. 24) has been unwavering in his commitment to passing nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans. As a cosponsor of the Ohio Fairness Act, Dolan has insisted that the OFA is imperative for a thriving economy. Dolan knows what the majority of Ohioans know: protecting LGBTQ+ Ohioans is a nonpartisan goal.



**Representative Beth Liston** (Dist. 21) has been a fierce ally of transgender youth in committee hearings, on the House floor, and in the public sphere. Liston has gone toe-to-toe with people who push extremist anti-trans policies and has utilized her knowledge of science and medicine to make sure misinformation doesn't go unchecked. Let's just say, we're glad there's a doctor in the House.



**Representative Michael Skindell** (Dist. 13) has been a vigilant defender of LGBTQ+ equality. He has sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act for over a decade, and when transgender youth were at risk of losing access to sports through a last-minute amendment to an unrelated bill, Skindell boldly protested right on the statehouse floor.

## Scorecard Methodology

### Legislative Voting Record Formula

Legislators' records were reviewed based on voting records on consequential legislation during the 134th General Assembly. Their final score is a composite of 3 analyses:

#### Queer Score

Sponsorship & voting record for bills specific to LGBTQ+ issues

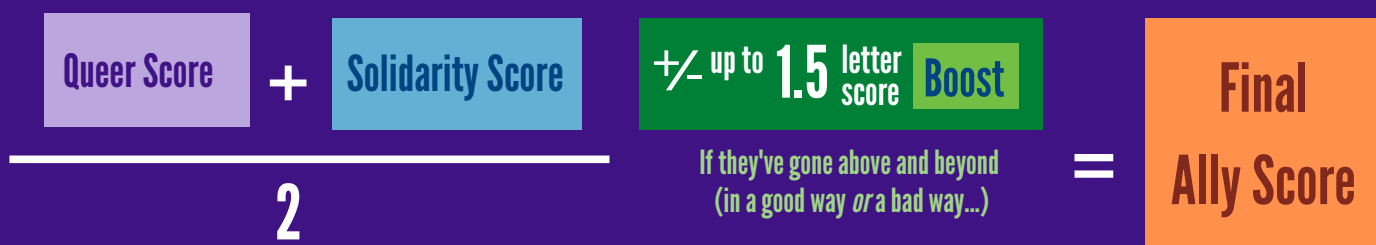
#### Solidarity Score

Sponsorship & voting record for bills that affect inclusion, equity & access for all races, genders, religions, income, age, or other demographic identifier

#### Boost (if applicable)

Noteworthy public statements & actions related to LGBTQ+ issues

- A** | Consistent support for good bills & opposition to bad bills
- B** | Mostly consistent support for good bills & opposition to bad bills
- C** | Mixed record on good & bad bills
- D** | Mostly consistent support for bad bills & opposition to good bills
- F** | Consistent support for bad bills & opposition to good bills



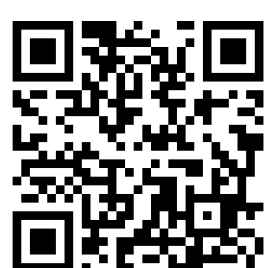
The displayed letter grade is the **Final Ally Score**, which reflects the legislator's overall support for equality in Ohio. It is computed by averaging the Solidarity Score and Queer Score, plus the Boost (if applicable), which could raise or lower a legislator's score by a full letter grade or more.

### Statewide Candidate Analysis

For statewide candidates, we graded on the totality of their career track records including big decisions, accomplishments, public statements, and campaign platforms, and took into account both improvements or backsliding over time.

Character | Competency | Support for Civil Rights  
Promises and Accomplishments Related to Diversity, Equity & Inclusion | Commitment to Transparency & Ethics

- A** | Strong record & promising future in office
- B** | Mostly strong record or insufficient record but supportive campaign platform
- C** | Mixed record or insufficient record & unclear campaign platform
- D** | Mostly poor record or insufficient record but concerning campaign platform
- F** | Poor record & likely to harm civil rights in office



For a more detailed record of lawmakers' Equality Scores visit

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FINAL SCORES FOR LAWMAKERS AND CANDIDATES ON REVERSE SIDE