



Ohio Death Tax Voter Guide Election 2010

Death Tax Repeal matters for Ohio

In just a few short weeks the death tax (aka, federal estate tax) comes roaring back to life at the rate of 55% on all estates above \$1 million.

Former Congressional Budget Office Director Douglass Holtz-Eakin has calculated that reinstating the death tax will cost the country 1.4 million small-business jobs.¹ On the other hand, Ohio alone stands to gain over 58,000 jobs if the Death Tax is repealed.² Despite the catastrophic consequences of the death tax, many in Congress support reinstating it.

The voter guide indicates whether candidates have committed to supporting permanent death tax repeal by signing the *Death Tax Repeal Pledge*. The guide also provides the legislative voting record for incumbent members of the U.S. Senate and House.

Please review the guide before voting and share with your friends, family members, and colleagues. PDF copies of the guide are available at www.nodeathtax.org/election2010. Don't forget to vote!

U.S. Senate Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4213 (2010)	Amend. 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009)	H.R. 8 (2006)	H.R. 1836 (2001)	H.R. 8 (2000)
Rob Portman (R)	NOT SIGNED	As a Member of Congress, Rob Portman voted for repeal in 2001 (H.R. 1836) and 2005 (H.R. 8).				
Lee Fisher (D)	NOT SIGNED					

Vote Key:

H.R. 4213 (2010): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8 (2006): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 8: (2002): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

H.R. 8 (2000): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

Amendment 873 Bud. Res 13 (2009): Would have set aside room in the budget to make the death tax permanent at the rate of 35% with a \$5 million individual exemption.

Blue represents a vote for repeal or reform of the estate tax. Red represents a vote to maintain the death tax status quo.

Candidates who were not in office at the time of the vote are listed blank for the relevant vote. Candidates who were in office but chose not to vote for the legislation are listed as "not voting."

¹ See Douglas Holtz-Eakin and Cameron T. Smith, "Growth Consequences of Estate Tax Reform: Impacts on Small and Family Businesses," *American Family Business Foundation*, September 2010.

² Based on research published by the Buckeye Institute.

U.S. House Candidates

Candidate	Repeal Pledge Signer?	H.R. 4154 (2009)	H.R. 3056 (2007)	H.R. 8 (2002)	H.R. 1836 (2001)
District 1					
Rep. Steve Driehaus (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Steve Chabot (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Jim Berns (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 2					
Rep. Jean Schmidt (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Surya "Chili" Yalamanchili (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Marc Johnston (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 3					
Rep. Mike Turner (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Joe Roberts (D)	NOT SIGNED				
District 4					
Rep. Jim Jordan (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	NO	
Doug Litt (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Don Kissick (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 5					
Rep. Bob Latta (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO			
Caleb Finkenbiner (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Brian Smith (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 6					
Rep. Charlie Wilson (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NOT VOTING		
Bill Johnson (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Martin Elsass (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Cory McCusker (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 7					
Rep. Steve Austria	NOT SIGNED	NO			

(R)					
Bill Conner (D)	NOT SIGNED				
John Anderson (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Chad Kreemer (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 8					
Rep. John Boehner (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE	NO	YES	YES	YES
Justin Coussoule (D)	NOT SIGNED				
David Harlow (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 9					
Rep. Marcy Kaptur (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	NO	NO	NOT VOTING
Rich Iott (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Jeremy Swartz (L)	NOT SIGNED				
District 10					
Rep. Dennis Kucinich (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	NO	NO
Peter Corrigan (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Jeff Goggins (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Jason Werner (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 11					
Rep. Marcia Fudge (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
District 12					
Rep. Pat Tiberi (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Paula Brooks (D)	NOT SIGNED				
Travis Irvine (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Robert Suwinski (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 13					
Rep. Betty Sutton (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NOT VOTING		
Tom Ganley (R)	NOT SIGNED				
District 14					
Rep. Steve LaTourette (R)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES	YES	YES
Bill O'Neill (D)	NOT SIGNED				
John Jelenic (L)	NOT SIGNED				

District 15					
Rep. Mary Jo Kilroy (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Steve Stivers (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Bill Kammerer (L)	NOT SIGNED				
Scott Alan Hubbard (I)	NOT SIGNED				
David Ryon (C)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 16					
Rep. John Bocchieri (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES			
Jim Renacci (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Stan Henry (I)	NOT SIGNED				
Jeff Blevins (L)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
District 17					
Rep. Tim Ryan (D)	NOT SIGNED	YES	NO	YES	
Jim Graham (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				
Jim Traficant (I)	NOT SIGNED				
District 18					
Rep. Zack Space (D)	NOT SIGNED	NO	YES		
Bob Gibbs (R)	SIGNED PLEDGE				

Vote Key:

H.R. 4154 (2009): Would have cancelled the 2010 death tax repeal and made the tax permanent at 45% with a \$3.5 million exemption.

H.R. 3056 (2007): Would have instructed the Senate Finance Committee to redraft legislation to include permanent death tax repeal.

H.R. 8: (2005): Would have permanently repealed the death tax.

H.R. 1836 (2001): Temporarily repealed the death tax (among other tax relief measures).

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