

campaign 2004

# CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE



OHIO BUSINESS  
ROUNDTABLE





## Why this questionnaire?

Ohio's major business trade associations work together every day at the Statehouse to bring about a better economic climate. We also work together to elect candidates responsive to business issues. Since candidates are asked to answer many questionnaires, the National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio, the Ohio Business Roundtable, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and the Ohio Manufacturers' Association work cooperatively to make it easy for candidates to provide information to business groups. By filling out this one survey, candidates can provide information to all four organizations and their members. The combined membership of these groups includes more than 50,000 Ohio businesses with hundreds of thousands of Ohio employees.

## How is the information used?

While all four organizations have an interest in gathering information about candidates, not all of the organizations will use the information in the same way. All of the groups, except the Ohio Business Roundtable, make political endorsements and have PACs.

In short, while our organizations have decided to jointly collect the information, each of them will use the information in its own evaluation process. Of those organizations that do endorse, an endorsement by one of them does not mean all of the organizations will make the same endorsement.

***Candidates should note that they will not be considered for endorsement, by those organizations that do endorse, if they do not complete the questionnaire.***

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce will act as the clearinghouse for the completed questionnaires, copying them and sending them to all participating organizations. Please use the enclosed business reply envelope to return your questionnaire.

***Thank you for your participation!***

# CANDIDATE INFORMATION

Candidate Name \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Committee Name \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign FAX Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Number (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail \_\_\_\_\_ Website \_\_\_\_\_

RUNNING FOR OFFICE IN  House  Senate District Number \_\_\_\_\_

PARTY AFFILIATION  Democrat  Republican Other \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Manager \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Chairman \_\_\_\_\_

Campaign Treasurer \_\_\_\_\_

Education \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Business/Professional Experience \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Current Employment \_\_\_\_\_

Name of Business, If Applicable \_\_\_\_\_

Business/Professional Organizations and Association Memberships \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Elective Offices Previously Held or Sought \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Expected Campaign Budget \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Raised to Date \$ \_\_\_\_\_

What organizations are supporting your candidacy? \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Do You Accept Political Action Committee contributions?  YES  NO



## CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE *continued*

2. Should employers have the authority to offer employees a choice of compensatory time off in lieu of overtime compensation?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Should Ohio's minimum wage be raised?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Should Ohio's employment laws be amended to provide employers and their management staff protection from personal liability for a discriminatory act of an employee or subordinate?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

5. Should the Ohio General Assembly pass legislation that more tightly defines an intentional tort by an employer as a deliberate or intentional act that causes an injury to an employee?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### TAXES and BUDGET

1. Would you vote to extend the "temporary" 1 cent sales tax increase when it expires in 2005?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. There has been much talk about "tax reform" during the past three years. What do you believe are the most important changes that should be made to Ohio's tax code? (You may select more than one.)

- Repeal the estate tax  
 Phase-out the inventory tax more quickly than the current 12 years  
 Eliminate the personal property tax on machinery & equipment purchased after Jan. 1, 2004  
 Establish flat, single-rate personal income tax  
 Eliminate corporate franchise tax credits, deductions and exemptions  
 Expand base of sales tax to better reflect 21<sup>st</sup> Century economy  
 Other: \_\_\_\_\_

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

### ENERGY and ENVIRONMENT

1. Do you support auto emissions testing (E-Check) as part of the state's attainment with upcoming, more stringent, federal air standards?

Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**CANDIDATE QUESTIONNAIRE *continued***

2. Should Ohio pursue something similar to New Jersey's "Fast Track Compliance" where companies have a grace period to correct minor violations without a notice of violation in the public record?

- Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you support streamlining Ohio EPA's air and water permitting processes?

- Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

4. Do you support adoption of a state energy policy that encourages job creation and business growth?

- Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**EDUCATION REFORM**

1. Which of the following accountability measures would you support?

- Incentives for schools demonstrating high student achievement and consequences for schools demonstrating low student achievement.
- Incentives for schools demonstrating student progress in student achievement and consequences for schools demonstrating low student progress.
- School vouchers.
- Community schools (charter schools).
- Eliminating collective bargaining for teachers in low performing schools.
- All of the above.
- None of the above.

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

2. As Ohio incorporates a progress dimension into its accountability system (as required by HB 3, 125th General Assembly) should the progress measure for a school or district carry the same weight as the absolute achievement measure for a school or district?

- Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

3. Do you support annual testing for students in grades 3-8 in math/reading with reportable results to the public?

- Yes       No       Undecided

COMMENTS: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**PRIORITIES**

1. List your top three priorities if elected:

- 1. \_\_\_\_\_
- 2. \_\_\_\_\_
- 3. \_\_\_\_\_

Candidate Signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_