

# Senator Keith Faber, Majority Floor Leader

## 12<sup>nd</sup> Senate District

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State Senator Keith Faber has spent the last decade representing the views and best interests of the residents of western Ohio. First elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2000, where he served three terms, Senator Faber has served as State Senator for Ohio's 12th Senate District, which includes Allen, Champaign, Mercer, Preble, Shelby and parts of Auglaize and Darke counties, since 2007.

In the Senate, Faber has quickly risen through the ranks. For the 128th General Assembly, he was elected unanimously by his fellow Senators to serve as the Senate's Majority Floor Leader -- the number three post in the chamber. He also plays a leadership role on a wide variety of issues by virtue of his committee assignments, which not only keep him busy when in Columbus, but give him a seat at the table when many policies that directly impact the lives of his constituents are developed.

Senator Faber serves as Vice Chairman of the Senate Insurance, Commerce & Labor Committee, and as a member of the budget-writing Finance & Financial Institutions Committee, as well as a member of the Agriculture, Government Oversight, Judiciary-Civil Justice, Judiciary-Criminal Justice, Reference, and Rules committees. Faber also represents the Senate on the Ohio Retirement Study Council, the Correctional Institution Inspection Committee and the State Ballot Board.

A fiscal conservative, Senator Faber has been a consistent voice at the Ohio Statehouse for lower taxes, restraint in state spending and overall smaller government. For his efforts, Faber has been named a Watchdog of the Treasury three times (2004, 2006 & 2008) and Outstanding Legislator of the Year (2004) by the United Conservatives of Ohio. Inspired by input he gathered in field hearings throughout the summer of 2008 as chairman of the Regulatory Reform Task Force, Senator Faber is actively working to reduce government red tape that drives up costs, burdens small businesses and hinders job creation.

Senator Faber has also been honored for his work to promote strong families and traditional Ohio values, including recognition by the Moms for Ohio for sponsoring legislation that requires Ohio's public schools to post the state motto -- "With God All Things Are Possible" and the national motto -- "In God We Trust," when donated to the school.



Outside of his legislative duties, Faber is the principal partner with Faber and Associates in Celina, a law firm specializing in civil litigation and mediation, helping courts and parties resolve matters without trial. He earned his Juris Doctorate from The Ohio State University in 1991. He did his undergraduate work in public administration/policy with a minor in biology, graduating with honors from Oakland University in Michigan in 1988.

Senator Faber, his wife Andrea, and their two children, Adam and Brooke, live outside Celina in Mercer County and attend St. John's Lutheran Church. He is also a member of the Mercer County Republican Party, several different Chambers of Commerce and Farm Bureaus, Celina Moose Lodge, Celina Eagles Lodge, Mercer County and Ohio Right to Life, National Rifle Association, Mercer County Sportsman, Lima Sabres, and also saw two terms on the Mercer/Auglaize YMCA Board of Directors.