

Senator Tom Sawyer

28th Senate District



Senator Tom Sawyer is currently an Ohio Senator representing Portage and Summit Counties in Northeast Ohio.

Senator Sawyer began his public career in 1976 in the Ohio House of Representatives. Drawing on his experience as an educator, he served as Chair of Ohio's House Education Committee.

After his tenure in the Ohio House of Representatives, Senator Sawyer was elected Mayor of Akron in 1983. He was then elected to the US Congress where he served for 16 years. In Congress, Senator Sawyer maintained his focus on education, serving on the Education Committee and authoring the National Literacy Act and the Eisenhower Mathematics and Science

Improvement Act.

Sawyer served a brief tenure on the State Board of Education before filling the 28th District vacancy in the Ohio Senate in 2007. He now continues to work on the same issues that brought him to the legislature over 30 years ago: planning for a strong energy future and stabilizing the public education system in Ohio. He serves as Ranking Minority Member on the Senate Education Committee, and as a member on the Senate Energy and Public Utilities Committee and Finance Committee.

