



SENATOR JAY HOTTINGER

OHIO SENATE  31ST DISTRICT



Senator Jay Hottinger represents the people of Ohio's 31st Senate District, which includes all of Licking, Perry, Coshocton and Tuscarawas Counties and part of Holmes County. Jay has served as a public official since the age of 21, serving in capacities as a Newark city councilman, a state representative and a state senator.

In addition to his public service, Jay is also vice president of sales for Truck One, Inc., a Newark-based trucking company. It is his business experience and understanding of his community that Jay brings with him to the Statehouse, where he has worked tirelessly on issues important to his constituents. He has voted to reduce or eliminate billions of dollars of taxes and has advocated for other policies that grow business and help Ohioans compete in the workforce.

A leader at the Statehouse, Jay currently serves as the Senate President Pro Tempore, the second-highest ranking member of the Ohio Senate. He is vice chairman of the Senate's Financial Institutions & Technology Committee, as well as the Rules & Reference Committee. He also serves on the Finance Committee, the Insurance Committee and the Ways & Means Committee. In addition to serving on these Senate standing committees, he also serves on the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee, the Legislative Service Commission, the Capital Square Review & Advisory Board, the Ohio Retirement Study Council and the Ohio Public Employees Deferred Compensation Board.

He has sponsored into law dozens of bills in wide-ranging areas of interest. A few of the principle legislative accomplishments he has authored include:

- The elimination of Ohio's estate tax
- Lowering Ohio's DUI limit to .08
- Tort reform and civil justice initiatives
- Providing programs and funding for at-risk youth and families in crisis • Helping families save for higher education and future expenses for children with special needs
- Helping families of children with special needs save for future expenses
- Applying Ohio's Sex Offender Registration and Notification Law (Megan's Law) to juvenile sex offenders
- Treatment for opioid dependence and addiction
- Protecting the sanctity of life
- Creation of Roth IRA's in the Deferred Compensation Program
- Creation of the SaveNOW program
- School safety measures
- Numerous criminal justice measures

Jay's legislative work has resulted in numerous awards including:

- 10 time winner of the "Watchdog of the Treasury"
- Ohio Farm Bureau Federation "Friend of Agriculture"
- National Federation of Independent Business/Ohio "Guardian of Small Business"
- American Conservative Union "Defender of Liberty"
- First ever "Champion of Public Education" from Ohio School Boards Association
- Newark City Schools "Distinguished Alumni Award"
- Association of Independent Colleges & Universities of Ohio Distinguished Alumni
- "Friend of Ohio Community Colleges"
- National Association of Social Workers - Ohio Chapter Region 8 "Public Official of the Year"
- Boys & Girls Club of America's "National Award of Merit" and "Champion of Youth"
- "Humane Hero Award" from Licking County Humane Society
- Legislator of the Year Awards from multiple state organizations including the Ohio Society of CPA's, Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, Ohio Association of County Boards, and Ohio Public Children Services Association

Jay is a lifelong resident of Newark. He is a 1988 graduate of Newark High School and a 1992 graduate of Capital University, where he graduated summa cum laude in political science and public administration.

He and his wife, Cheri, reside in Newark and are the proud parents of three daughters: Savannah, Heather, and Jayme. The Hottingers are active members of their church as well as a number of civic organizations.

134th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Financial Institutions & Technology Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Rules & Reference Committee (Vice-Chair)
- Finance Committee
- Insurance Committee
- Ways & Means Committee