

## TAX JUSTICE



No tax policy change should exacerbate the income gap, especially the racial/ethnic and gender wealth gaps.

About 502,000 childless workers in Ohio would benefit from expanding the Earned Income Tax Credit to include childless workers.<sup>1</sup>

**Rob Portman** supports Senate Republican efforts to “simplify and reduce business and individual tax rates.”<sup>2</sup> He voted against an appropriations bill that made permanent the 2009 expansions to the EITC and the Child Tax Credit.<sup>3</sup>

**Ted Strickland** supports “closing tax loopholes that are being exploited by the wealthy... and using that money to give working people a break.” He also supports eliminating tax breaks for companies that ship jobs overseas, closing the corporate jet loophole, and enacting the Buffet Rule.<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup><http://apps.cbpp.org/3-5-14tax/?state=OH>  
<sup>2</sup>[http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File\\_id=21ec1908-866f-437a-8e05-1c96e30b29d7](http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/files/serve?File_id=21ec1908-866f-437a-8e05-1c96e30b29d7)  
<sup>3</sup>[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_call\\_lists/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00339](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_call_lists/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00339)  
<sup>4</sup><http://www.tedstrickland.com/pdfs/OhioFamiliesFirst.pdf>

## LIVING WAGES



National legislation should move from adjusting a minimum wage to creating a living wage.

The minimum wage in Ohio is \$8.10 and was raised in 2015.<sup>1</sup>

**Rob Portman** does not support raising the minimum wage because he believes that will force employers to cut jobs. He says, “if you want to deal with income inequality, the number one way to do it is to get people to work.”<sup>2</sup>

**Ted Strickland** calls for a raise in the minimum wage and fair overtime wages to sustain our nation’s workers. He believes that “as we work to rebalance the economy, we also need to make sure that our workers are getting paid a fair wage.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup><http://www.epi.org/minimum-wage-tracker/>  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.politifact.com/truth-o-meter/statements/2013/dec/08/rob-portman/rob-portman-says-about-2-percent-americans-get-pai/>  
<sup>3</sup><http://www.tedstrickland.com/pdfs/OhioFamiliesFirst.pdf>

## FAMILY-FRIENDLY WORKPLACES



The needs of women and families should be integrated into federal workplace policies.

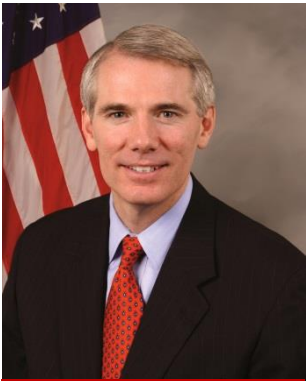
51% of working parents in Ohio are ineligible to take unpaid, job protected leave under the Family and Medical Leave Act.<sup>1</sup>

**Rob Portman** voted in favor of paid sick time for federal employees, as long as it didn’t increase the deficit.<sup>2</sup> He has cosponsored two bills that would ensure that the principle of equal pay for equal work is upheld.<sup>3</sup>

**Ted Strickland** introduced the “Ohio Families First Plan,” which supports the FAMILY Act, access to paid sick days, and equal pay for women. He says we have “an unfair economy that holds women back and leaves the middle class feeling even more squeezed.”<sup>4</sup>

<sup>1</sup><http://www.diversitydatakids.org/data/map/>  
<sup>2</sup>[https://votesmart.org/bill/votes/56131#V35BL\\_krKCG](https://votesmart.org/bill/votes/56131#V35BL_krKCG)  
<sup>3</sup><http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/press-releases?ID=47043FDD-FDEE-4BBF-B4B7-E42B5DBA1C92>  
<sup>4</sup><http://www.tedstrickland.com/pdfs/OhioFamiliesFirstFightingforWomandWorkingFamilies.pdf>

## OHIO SENATE CANDIDATES ON MENDING THE GAPS



**ROB PORTMAN**



**TED STRICKLAND**

## Mending the Access Gap DEMOCRACY



No individual or community of color should be disenfranchised by federal policy.

**Voting restrictions enacted since 2014 cut early voting and changed absentee and provisional ballot rules, making voting more difficult for Ohio residents.<sup>1</sup>**

**Rob Portman** said “I am interested in modernizing the Voting Rights Act, and willing to take a look at any legislation introduced.”<sup>2</sup> He is not a cosponsor of the bipartisan Voting Rights Advancement Act, which would require states with a history of discrimination to get federal approval before changing their voting laws.<sup>3</sup>

**Ted Strickland**, as Congressman, voted to reauthorize the Voting Rights Act in 2006.<sup>3</sup> He has since not made public statements regarding voting rights issues.

## Mending the Access Gap HEALTHCARE



Racial and economic disparities in healthcare should be eliminated.

**Since Ohio enacted the Medicaid expansion under the Affordable Care Act, 454,000 more low-income residents have health insurance.<sup>1</sup>**

**Rob Portman** does not support the Affordable Care Act because he believes it “does not address the basic cost and access challenges Ohio faces.” Instead, he thinks “we ought to repeal the healthcare law that passed in 2010, start over, and replace it with proposals that actually reduce costs and increase competition.”<sup>2</sup>

**Ted Strickland** supports improving the Affordable Care Act and believes that repealing it would be “costly and dangerous.” He also supports eliminating the Cadillac Tax, which penalizes workers for having high quality plans, and thinks government should work to make it easier for small businesses to provide health insurance to their employees.<sup>3</sup>

## Mending the Access Gap CITIZENSHIP



Immigrants should be welcomed into the country.

**Undocumented immigrants in Ohio pay \$85 million in state and local taxes and, if comprehensive immigration reform is passed, they would pay \$26 million more.<sup>1</sup>**

**Rob Portman** voted against comprehensive immigration reform in 2013.<sup>2</sup> In 2015 he voted in favor of a bill that would prohibit using funds for implementation of the President’s administrative actions that provide protection from deportation to millions of DREAMers across the U.S.<sup>3</sup>

**Ted Strickland** supports immigration measures that keep families together. He recently criticized Governor Kasich’s support of the Texas lawsuit against President Obama’s administrative actions, which would have provided protection from deportation to parents of U.S. citizens, because “at its heart [this] is a family values issue—keeping parents and children together and allowing them to come out of the shadows.”<sup>4</sup>

## Mending the Access Gap HOUSING



Everyone should have access to safe, affordable housing.

**Ohio has a shortage of 274,346 housing units that are affordable and available for extremely low-income renters.<sup>1</sup>**

**Rob Portman** has introduced several bills that would protect youth experiencing homelessness. One bill, Housing for Homeless Students Act, would allow full time students to have access to affordable housing under the Low Income Housing Tax Credit program.<sup>2</sup>

**Ted Strickland** believes “all Ohioans need and deserve decent, safe and sanitary housing.”<sup>3</sup> As Governor of Ohio, Ted Strickland established the Interagency Council on Homelessness and Affordable Housing whose mission was to form “policies and programs that address affordable housing issues.”<sup>3</sup>

<sup>1</sup><https://www.brennancenter.org/voting-restrictions-first-time-2016>  
<sup>2</sup>[http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/03/rob\\_portman\\_says\\_voting\\_rights.html](http://www.cleveland.com/open/index.ssf/2015/03/rob_portman_says_voting_rights.html)  
<sup>3</sup><https://www.congress.gov/bills/114th-congress/senate-bill/1659/all-info#cosponsors>  
<sup>4</sup><http://clerk.house.gov/evs/2006/roll374.xml>

<sup>1</sup><http://familiasusa.org/product/50-state-look-medicaid-expansion>  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/health-care>  
<sup>3</sup><http://www.tedstrickland.com/issues/healthcare>

<sup>1</sup><http://www.itep.org/immigration/#map>  
<sup>2</sup>[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_calls/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00167](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_calls/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=113&session=1&vote=00167)  
<sup>3</sup>[http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll\\_calls/roll\\_call\\_vote\\_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00063](http://www.senate.gov/legislative/LIS/roll_calls/roll_call_vote_cfm.cfm?congress=114&session=1&vote=00063)  
<sup>4</sup>[http://americasvoice.org/press\\_releases/icymi-former-oh-gov-ted-strickland-blasts-gov-kasich-ag-dewines-decision-join-texas-immigration-lawsuit/](http://americasvoice.org/press_releases/icymi-former-oh-gov-ted-strickland-blasts-gov-kasich-ag-dewines-decision-join-texas-immigration-lawsuit/)

<sup>1</sup><http://nlhlc.org/library/SHP>  
<sup>2</sup><http://www.portman.senate.gov/public/index.cfm/2016/5/portman-no-student-should-have-to-choose-between-housing-and-education>  
<sup>3</sup><http://mha.ohio.gov/Portals/0/assets/Supports/Housing/Council-fact-sheet.pdf>