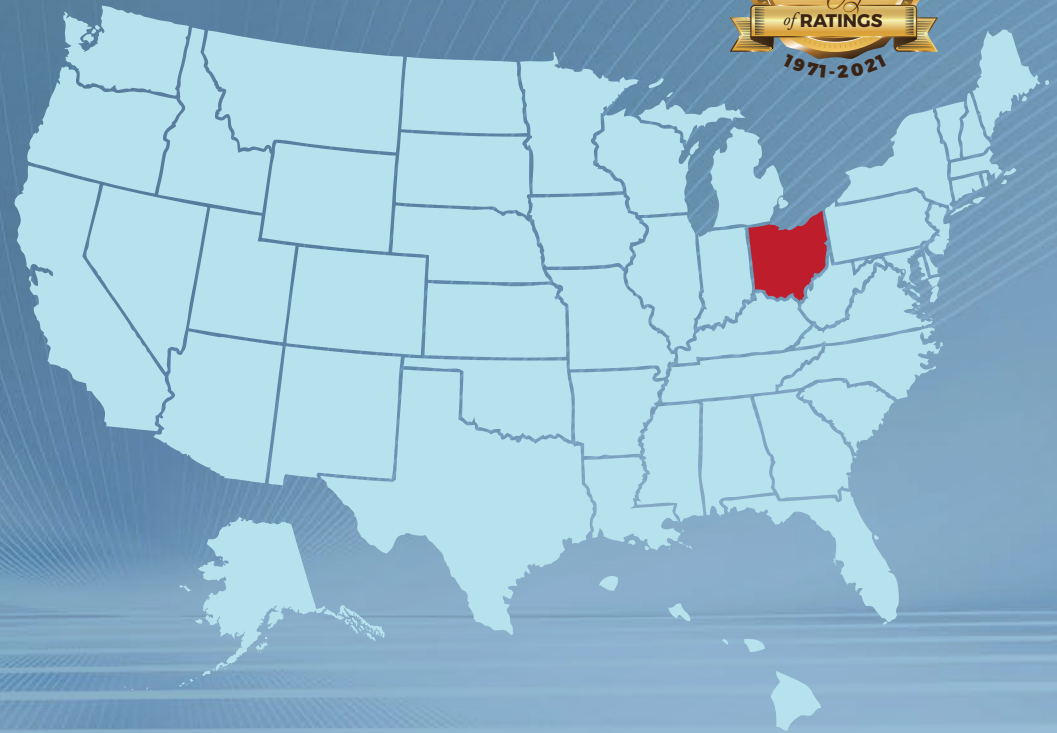
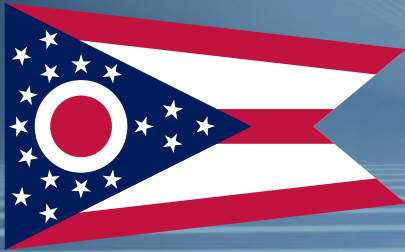




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RATINGS of OHIO 2020



The nation's gold standard to hold nearly 8,000 lawmakers accountable for their voting records.



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LETTER FROM THE CHAIRMAN

The American Conservative Union Foundation's Center for Legislative Accountability is proud to present our *Ratings of Ohio* for 2020. Like our *Ratings of Congress*, ACU Foundation's *Ratings of the States* are meant to reflect how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. We begin with our philosophy (conservatism is the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person) and then apply the proper role of government (its essential role is to defend Life, Liberty and Property).

The Left has stormed our nation's corridors of power to take control over the lives of every American. Now, they have set their sights on the states, freedom's last line of defense.

President Lincoln once said, "America will never be destroyed from the outside. If we falter and lose our freedoms, it will be because we destroyed ourselves." The Left's agenda dismantles the vision of our founders when they pledged their lives, their fortunes, and their sacred honor.

We hope these Ratings will empower each and every American to hold their officials accountable and to rally behind the conservative champions who defend our freedoms in statehouses around the country.



Matt Schlapp
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ABOUT THE CENTER FOR LEGISLATIVE ACCOUNTABILITY

The Center for Legislative Accountability (CLA), an initiative of the American Conservative Union Foundation (ACUF), is the premier organization for holding lawmakers accountable. The CLA produces the longest-running conservative congressional scorecard and our state program is the only one in the nation that scores all 8,000 lawmakers in the 50 states across every policy area. In addition to ACUF's Conservative Political Action Conference (CPAC), the largest gathering of conservatives in the world, the CLA develops conservative policy solutions and educates everyday citizens and activists on the proper role of government. In 1971, ACUF launched its *Ratings of Congress* to provide a comprehensive evaluation of the voting records of every Member of Congress.

The Ratings quickly became considered the "gold standard" and over the following decades have been utilized by activists, voters, academics and elected officials to determine which lawmakers best adhere to conservative principles. In 2011, these Ratings were expanded into state legislatures as part of a five-state pilot program. By 2015, *Ratings of the States* grew to include all 50 states and all 99 legislative chambers.

Today, the CLA annually analyzes over 105,000 pieces of legislation to issue scores for all of America's federal and state lawmakers and presents awards to lawmakers who score 80% or better in recognition of their conservative voting records.

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METHODOLOGY

The CLA's Ratings of Congress and the States illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. When determining a position on a particular issue, the CLA begins by defining conservatism: the political philosophy that sovereignty resides in the person. Then, we apply the founders' belief that the proper role of government is to protect Life, Liberty and Property.

In order to depict how closely a lawmaker adheres to conservative principles, the CLA selects from the full spectrum of issues relating to the economy, culture, national security and government integrity. Some key areas include taxation, spending, education, labor, licensure, regulation, environment, life, free speech, Second Amendment rights, foreign aid, defense priorities and global organizations, including the United Nations. All congressional and state analyses are conducted after the adjournment of a legislative session to ensure that no issue is neglected.

Each lawmaker is evaluated on a zero to 100 scale, with a score of 100 representing a voting record that is perfectly aligned with conservative principles. Officials who earn a score of 90% or higher are presented with the CLA's highest honor, the Award for Conservative Excellence, while those who earn a score of 80% or higher, but less than 90%, are presented with the Award for Conservative Achievement. Additionally, any lawmaker who earns a score of 10% or lower qualifies for the ACUF's Coalition of the Radical Left.

ANNUAL METRICS


ANALYZE
105,000
BILLS


SELECT
2,000
BILLS


RATE
8,000
ELECTED
OFFICIALS

To determine legislative rankings, the CLA annually evaluates over 105,000 bills that were introduced in Congress and every convening state legislature running from January 1 to December 31. Of those bills, the CLA ultimately selects roughly 2,000 pieces of legislation that best illustrate how elected officials view the role of government in an individual's life. The CLA calculates individual scores for a total of nearly 8,000 federal and state lawmakers based on over 157,000 votes cast on the 2,000 bills selected. The CLA provides a score for each legislative chamber, which is based upon the average scores of all members within that respective chamber. A legislature's overall score is calculated by averaging each state's two legislative chambers together in order to better reflect the differences in political power between the chambers. (The exception being Nebraska, the nation's only unicameral legislature comprising a single legislative chamber, on which the state's overall score is based.)



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2020 WINNERS & LOSERS

90-100% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE EXCELLENCE

13 since last year*

SENATE

BLESSING III, LOUIS	HUFFMAN, MATT
BRENNER, ANDREW	McCOLLEY, ROBERT
BURKE, DAVE	OBHOF, LARRY
EKLUND, JOHN	PETERSON, BOB
GAVARONE, THERESA	ROEGNER, KRISTINA
HOAGLAND, FRANK	SCHAFFER, TIM
HOTTINGER, JAY	WILSON, STEVE

11 since last year*

HOUSE

BRINKMAN, THOMAS
CARFAGNA, RICK
ROMANCHUK, MARK
WIGGAM, SCOTT

≤ 10% COALITION OF THE RADICAL LEFT

1 since last year*

SENATE

n/a

No change since last year*

HOUSE

n/a

80-89% AWARD FOR CONSERVATIVE ACHIEVEMENT

15 since last year*

SENATE

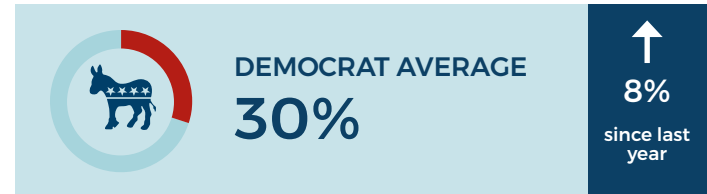
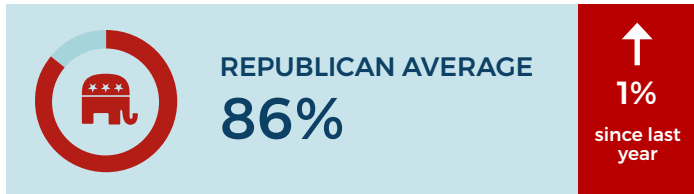
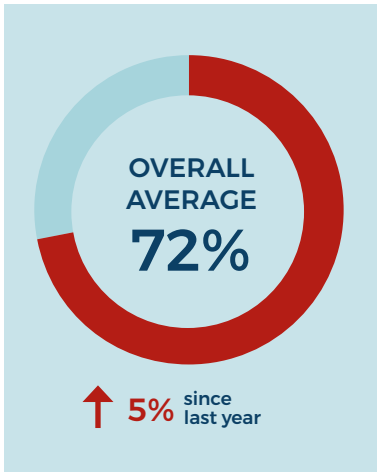
COLEY, WILLIAM
HACKETT, BOB
HUFFMAN, STEPHEN
RULLI, MICHAEL
SCHURING, KIRK

31 since last year*

HOUSE

ABRAMS, CINDY	EDWARDS, JAY	JONES, DON	MCCLAIN, RIORDAN	ROEMER, BILL
BALDRIDGE, BRIAN	FRAIZER, MARK	JORDAN, KRIS	MERRIN, DEREK	SCHERER, GARY
BECKER, JOHN	GHANBARI, HARAZ	KICK, DARRELL	OELSLAGER, SCOTT	SEITZ, WILLIAM
BUTLER, JIM	GINTER, TIMOTHY	KOEHLER, J. KYLE	PERALES, RICK	SMITH, J. TODD
CALLENDER, JAMIE	GRENDALL, DIANE	LANESE, LAURA	PLUMMER, PHIL	STEIN, DICK
CARRUTHERS, SARA	HAMBLEY, STEPHEN	LANG, GEORGE	POWELL, JENA	STEPHENS, JASON
CUPP, ROBERT	HILLYER, BRETT	LARE, JEFF	REINEKE, BILL	STOLTZFUS, REGGIE
CUTRONA, AL	HOLMES, ADAM	LIPPS, P. SCOTT	RICHARDSON, TRACY	WILKIN, SHANE
DEAN, BILL	HOOPS, JAMES	MANCHESTER, SUSAN	RIEDEL, CRAIG	ZELTWANGER, PAUL

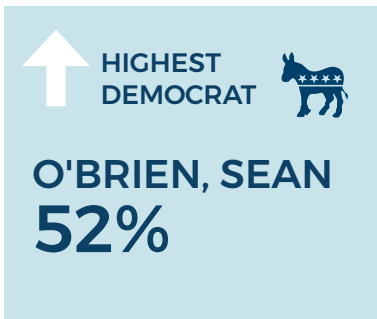
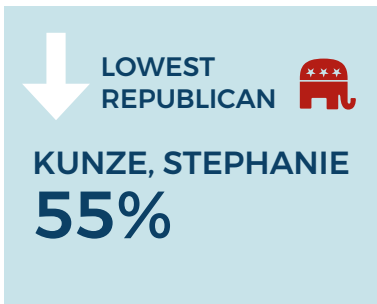
OHIO SENATE STATISTICS



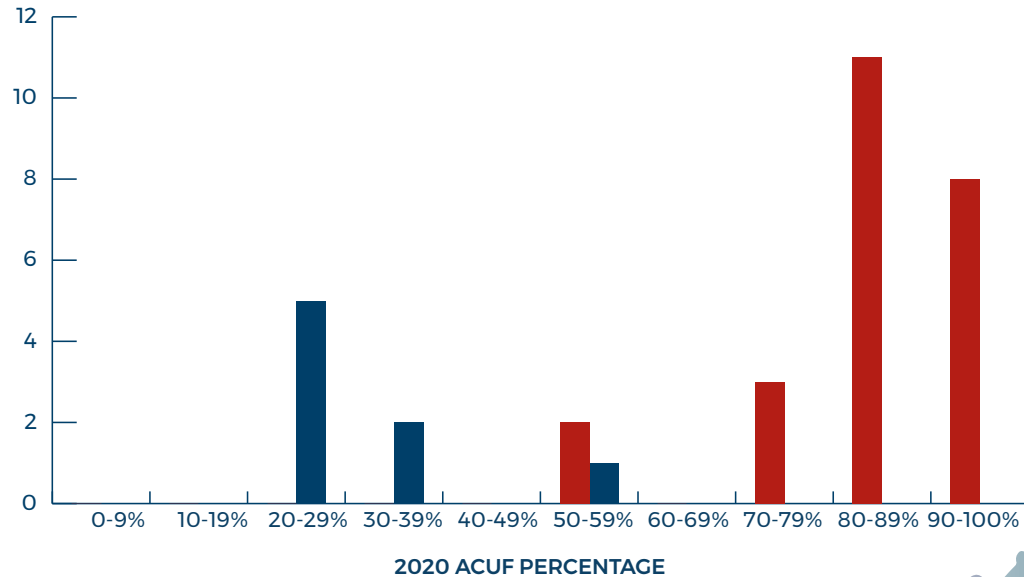
OHIO SENATE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

 **RED = REPUBLICANS**
24 TOTAL IN SENATE

 **BLUE = DEMOCRATS**
9 TOTAL IN SENATE




OF STATE SENATORS





OHIO SENATE SCORES

OHIO SENATE VOTE DETAIL

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Antonio, Nickie	D	23	24%	17%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	
BLESSING III, LOUIS	R	8	90%	n/a	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
BRENNER, ANDREW	R	19	93%	89%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
BURKE, DAVE	R	26	90%	89%	92%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
COLEY, WILLIAM	R	4	86%	89%	94%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Craig, Hearcel	D	15	31%	22%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	
DOLAN, MATT	R	24	76%	83%	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
EKLUND, JOHN	R	18	90%	83%	85%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Fedor, Teresa	D	11	24%	13%	12%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	+	-	X	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	X	+
GAVARONE, THERESA	R	2	90%	89%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
HACKETT, BOB	R	10	89%	88%	90%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
HOAGLAND, FRANK	R	30	93%	89%	95%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
HOTTINGER, JAY	R	31	90%	89%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	

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- HB 75 Strengthening Oversight of Local Government Property Taxation.
- SB 89 Improving Educational Outcomes by Strengthening School Choice.
- HB 160 Expanding Individual Liberties by Reducing Anti-Competitive Restrictions on the Sale of Alcoholic Ice Cream.
- SB 175 Strengthening the "Stand Your Ground" Self-Defense Law.
- SB 212 Enriching Developers and Select Homeowners Through a New "Neighborhood Development Area" Scheme.
- HB 242 Protecting Consumers from Municipal Bans on Bags and Containers.
- SB 243 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Adjusting Overtime and Wage Regulations.
- HB 251 Improving the State Business Climate through a Reduction in the State's Excessive Statute of Limitations on Contracts.
- HB 253 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Easing the Prohibition on Fireworks.
- SB 260 Protecting Life by Preventing Abortion-Inducing Drugs from Being Prescribed through Telehealth.
- HB 263 Reducing Employment Barriers for Reformed Individuals with Prior Criminal Convictions.
- HB 272 Protecting Religious Freedom by Limiting the Government's Ability to Shutdown Religious Services.
- SB 288 Protecting Religious Freedom in School Athletics.
- SB 311 Protecting Individual Liberties by Limiting the Director of Health's Unilateral COVID-19 Orders.
- SB 317 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights and Security at Public Schools.
- SB 341 Easing a Regulatory Burden in the Healthcare Industry Through Licensing Reciprocity for Qualified Nurses.
- HB 352 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Tort Reform.
- SB 360 Providing a Crucial Check on Government Powers and Strengthening Protection of Second Amendment Rights.
- SB 362 Expanding Cronyism by Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Government-Favored Businesses in Rural Areas.
- SB 375 Ending the Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown of County Fairs.
- HB 481 Increasing Transportation Improvement District Costs through "Prevailing Wage" Mandates (Motion to Defeat).
- HB 606 Reopening Ohio by Creating Liability Protections for Certain Businesses and Health Care Providers.
- HB 669 Legalizing Delivery and To-Go Sales of Cocktails.



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HUFFMAN, STEPHEN	R	5	89%	89%	90%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	
JOHNSON, TERRY	R	14	79%	n/a	87%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	
KUNZE, STEPHANIE	R	16	55%	56%	72%	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	+	+		
LEHNER, PEGGY	R	6	59%	67%	79%	-	X	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	-	X	+	X	X	+	X	+	-	+	-	-	X	+	-	X	+	-	+	+		
Maharath, Tina	D	3	31%	8%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	X	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	X	+	
MANNING, NATHAN	R	13	79%	72%	80%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	
MCCOLLEY, ROBERT	R	1	93%	88%	93%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
O'Brien, Sean	D	32	52%	44%	26%	-	X	-	+	-	+	-	-	+	X	-	-	X	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	X	X	-	X	+		
OBHOF, LARRY	R	22	93%	89%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
PETERSON, BOB	R	17	93%	89%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	
ROEGNER, KRISTINA	R	27	93%	88%	92%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+
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SCHAFFER, TIM	R	20	93%	83%	91%	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
SCHURING, KIRK	R	29	82%	89%	91%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	X	
Sykes, Vernon	D	28	30%	22%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	
Thomas, Cecil	D	9	24%	22%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	
Williams, Sandra	D	21	n/a†	24%	14%	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	X	-	-	X	X	X	-	X	-	+	-	-	X	+	+	X	X	-	-	+		
WILSON, STEVE	R	7	90%	89%	93%	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	
Yuko, Kenny	D	25	25%	22%	12%	-	-	-	X	-	+	X	-	+	-	X	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	

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OHIO SENATE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SCR 13 Providing a Check on the Governor's COVID-19 Emergency Power.** This resolution is in response to Governor DeWine's actions during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak which resulted in heavy-handed stay-at-home orders and business shutdowns more burdensome than the majority of other states. The resolution declares that no branch of government, be it executive, legislative, or judicial, nor any subordinate department, agency, or entity thereof, may take or otherwise promulgate actions that exceed its authority to do so as expressly granted under the Ohio Constitution or United States Constitution. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this resolution. The Senate passed the resolution on June 3, 2020 by a vote of 22-11. (The resolution failed to advance in the House.)
- 2. SB 27 Protecting the Dignity of Aborted Remains of Unborn Children.** This bill would protect the inherent human dignity of unborn children by requiring that fetal remains resulting from an abortion be given proper end of life accommodations such as a burial or cremation. Under the bill, pregnant women would be granted the right to determine whether the remains of their unborn child be given final disposition by cremation or burial, in addition to the right to deciding where the burial would take place. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and that the human remains from this tragedy should be treated with the utmost respect and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 9, 2020 by a vote of 23-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 3. SB 31 Protecting Privacy Rights by Requiring Written Consent to Conduct Contact Tracing.** The House version of a bill (which provides first responders with greater privacy in public records requests) would also prohibit the government from mandating individuals participate in contact tracing due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill declares that any record created from contact tracing must be protected consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. ACU supports strong privacy rights, does not believe the government should exploit a health emergency to begin tracking the movements of citizens without a warrant and supported this bill. The Senate defeated the bill on June 3, 2020 by a vote of 12-21. (A "Yea" vote supports the ACU position.)
- 4. SB 33 Strengthening Property Rights and Protecting Key Infrastructure from Destruction.** This bill would strengthen property rights by establishing penalties for individuals and their co-conspirators who destroy, vandalize, or otherwise inhibit the operation of key infrastructure in the state such as pipelines, telecommunications facilities, and power plants. Under current law, there are penalties for trespassing, but property owners are not able to recover costs resulting from damage to property. Under this bill, penalties separate from mere trespassing would be established for both individuals causing damages and any entity or person who compensates trespassers. Additionally, the bill would prohibit individuals from conspiring or threatening destruction of key infrastructure through telecommunications. ACU firmly supports the founders' belief in the First Amendment and the right to peacefully assemble, and we also support protecting property rights by holding accountable all parties who cause destruction and violence and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 24-7 and the bill was signed into law.
- 5. SB 40 Strengthening Free Speech on College Campuses.** This bill, known as the "Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act", would direct all public institutions of higher education to adopt free expression policies that protect the freedom of all students and faculty to assemble and speak, as protected by the First Amendment. Under the bill, all outdoor areas of campus that are generally accessible to a majority of students and faculty would be considered areas of public forum where expressive activities may occur, so long as the activity does not substantially disrupt the operation of the institution. Additionally, the bill would prohibit institutions from establishing "free speech zones" which in reality stifle free speech by prohibiting expressive activities anywhere outside the zone. Furthermore, the bill would prohibit institutions from discriminating against student groups based on their expression, including denying opportunities to receive funding, access meeting space, invite speakers, and other opportunities available to other student groups. Finally, the institutions would be required to share their speech policies publicly. ACU supports the freedom of speech as protected under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 3, 2020 by a vote of 24-9 and the bill was signed into law.



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6. **HB 46 Improving Government Transparency through the Establishment of a Public Expenditure Database.** This bill would improve transparency of government spending by establishing the Ohio State Government Expenditure Database, also known as the Ohio Checkbook. The database, which would be publicly accessible on the state's website, would provide numerous pieces of information on government expenditures. For example, citizens would be able to see the vendors which receive state funds, including the dates and amounts of the expenditures. Furthermore, the database would provide a searchable list of state and school district employee salary and employment information. Lastly, this bill requires the auditor to determine if an entity is in compliance with performance metrics of state economic development credits and publish its reports publicly. ACU supports improving government transparency and expanding public access to government records and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 32-0. (The House failed to take up the amended bill.)
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7. **HB 75 Strengthening Oversight of Local Government Property Taxation.** This bill is designed to improve oversight of local government attempts to increase the tax liabilities of property owners. Under current law, Ohio is one of 13 states which permit local governmental entities such as towns and school districts to challenge the property tax assessments made by a county. Under this system, property owners must defend themselves against these entities which are advocating for higher property value assessments if they wish to avoid the tax increase. This bill would first help protect taxpayers by requiring a local entity to hold a vote by its governing board prior to submitting the challenge intended to increase taxes and prohibits a school district from initiating a property tax counter-complaint against residential property unless there is a discrepancy of at least \$75,000 between the county's assessment and a recent sale price or between a recent assessment and the value alleged by the subdivision. Secondly, the bill would require the property owner to be notified that a property assessment challenge has been filed against their property. ACUF's Center for 21st Century Property Rights is a leading voice on this issue and works to protect property owners from losing their property through excessive government taxation. ACU supports the utmost level of transparency in issues relating to property taxation, believes property owners should have every possible opportunity to defend themselves against higher taxation and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 21-10. (The House failed to take up the amended bill.)
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8. **SB 89 Improving Educational Outcomes by Strengthening School Choice.** This bill is designed to improve educational outcomes by responsibly expanding opportunities for students and their families to pursue school choice. Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for the Ohio's EdChoice Income-based Scholarship Program from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to 250%. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing taxpayer costs by responsibly expanding school choice and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on November 18, 2020 by a vote of 24-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **HB 160 Expanding Individual Liberties by Reducing Anti-Competitive Restrictions on the Sale of Alcoholic Ice Cream.** This bill would expand individual liberties and strengthen economic growth by reducing anti-competitive restrictions on the sale of ice cream containing small amounts of alcohol. Under current law, manufacturers are permitted to sell alcoholic ice cream, but only on the site at which it is produced and in small quantities. This bill would ease those stringent regulations to allow producers to ship products directly to consumers and sell any quantity of products on-site for personal consumption. ACU supports a free market in the alcoholic product industry, supports expanding individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 31-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **SB 175 Strengthening the "Stand Your Ground" Self-Defense Law.** This bill strengthens the ability of Ohioans to defend themselves by expanding protections under the state's "stand your ground" self-defense law. Under existing law, an individual in a public place who uses force to defend themselves could face criminal penalties if it was determined they could have retreated from a threat. This bill expands protections (currently applied to residences and vehicles) to ensure an individual is able to use force to protect themselves at any location if it is reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent injury, loss, or risk to life or safety. The bill also provides legal immunity to nonprofits (such as churches) for actions outside of their control involving a firearm on their premises. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment, supports the right to self-defense, supports improving legal clarity of judicial process and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 18, 2020 by a vote of 18-11 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **SB 212 Enriching Developers and Select Homeowners Through a New “Neighborhood Development Area” Scheme.** This bill creates a new “Neighborhood Development Area” (NDA) program which shifts tax burdens to other property owners not favored by government. Under the program, localities can create NDAs which provide tax abatements of between 70 to 100 percent of a property’s assessed value. The tax exemptions are for up to 10 years (and are renewable) and are for single and multi-family homes located within the NDA. ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to spur “affordable housing” and the state should enact significant zoning reforms to advance development. ACU opposes this cronyism which shifts schooling costs and other tax burdens to other property owners not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 29-1. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

 12. **HB 242 Protecting Consumers from Municipal Bans on Bags and Containers.** This bill prohibits a municipality from banning or imposing taxes on plastic bags or other “auxiliary containers,” such as reusable bags, bottles, or containers. This bill is in response to incredibly costly local mandates such as an outright ban on such containers in Cuyahoga County which is estimated to cost a local grocer \$2 million annually to switch to more expensive options for their customers. ACU believes that government (including both state and local) should not limit an individual’s choice in how they take their groceries home, believes government should not penalize law-abiding consumers of legal products and instead enforce existing anti-littering laws and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 23-9 and the bill was signed into law.

 13. **SB 243 Expanding Employment Opportunities by Adjusting Overtime and Wage Regulations.** This bill ensures clarity for workers and employers by adding the de minimis doctrine to overtime rules. Specifically, this bill makes it clear that a small amount of time performing tasks that are preliminary or postliminary are not compensable when the employee engages in the task without specific direction from their employer or outside the regular workday. ACU supports the right of employees and employers to freely negotiate the terms of a contract and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on December 9, 2020 by a vote of 22-8. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)

 14. **HB 251 Improving the State Business Climate through a Reduction in the State’s Excessive Statute of Limitations on Contracts.** This bill is designed to combat lawsuit abuse and improve opportunities for economic growth by reducing the statute of limitations on claims of a breach of contract. Under the bill, the statute of limitations would be reduced from eight years to six years for written contracts and from six years to four years for oral contracts. ACU recognizes that Ohio businesses face significant extended risk of frivolous litigation due to the near-decades-long period in which a former client or associate may bring civil action against a business. ACU further recognizes that since Ohio previously reduced these statutes of limitations from 15 years to the current levels, that the state has climbed to the fifteenth best state for business, according to CNBC’s Top States for Business, and that competing states such as Kentucky responded to Ohio’s reforms with improvements of their own. ACU supports the right of a party harmed through a legitimate breach of contract to exercise their right to be made whole through the legal system. ACU further supports reasonable statutes of limitations to protect businesses from lawsuit abuse by the actions of greedy trial lawyers which harm business growth and consumers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 9, 2020 by a vote of 29-1. (The House failed to take up the amended bill.)

 15. **HB 253 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Easing the Prohibition on Fireworks.** This bill strengthens individual liberties by legalizing “consumer grade fireworks” such as roman candles, fountains, and firecrackers. ACU recognizes fireworks have always been a medium to express American liberty, so much so that John Adams insisted Independence Day be celebrated with “Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” ACU supports eliminating excessive regulation of commerce which infringes individual liberties and drives up consumer costs and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 25-7. (The House failed to take up the amended bill.)

 16. **SB 260 Protecting Life by Preventing Abortion-Inducing Drugs from Being Prescribed through Telehealth.** This bill helps protect the lives of the unborn by preventing abortion-inducing drugs from being prescribed through telehealth. Under the bill, a physician would be guilty of a fourth-degree felony if they are not present for the administration of the abortion-inducing drug. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and efforts to provide appropriate medical information to patients and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on March 4, 2020 by a vote of 20-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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17. **HB 263 Reducing Employment Barriers for Reformed Individuals with Prior Criminal Convictions.** The bill establishes the Fresh Start Act which requires occupational licensing boards to consider evidence of rehabilitation and bear the burden of proof that an applicant's criminal record "directly relates" to the license sought. Among other provisions, the bill creates a petition process so that ex-offenders can see if their criminal record would disqualify them from licensure before they invest in any training or coursework. ACUF's Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU opposes many of the state's occupational licensing regimes which are primarily designed to restrict competition, supports efforts to lower recidivism by reducing barriers for reformed ex-offenders to the workforce and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The Senate passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 29-2 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **HB 272 Protecting Religious Freedom by Limiting the Government's Ability to Shutdown Religious Services.** This bill strengthens religious liberties by banning the ability of any public official from closing places of worship, statewide or in a particular part of the state. This bill is in response to actions taken by government officials throughout the country during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak which prevented individuals from gathering and practicing their religion together. ACU supports the First Amendment and strengthening protections for all to express and practice their sincerely held religious beliefs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on May 27, 2020 by a vote of 24-8 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **SB 288 Protecting Religious Freedom in School Athletics.** This bill helps to protect religious expression of athletes in interscholastic athletics by preventing an organization from adopting a regulation, rule, or bylaw that prohibits or creates an obstruction to wearing religious apparel when competing or participating in interscholastic athletics or extracurricular activities. This bill provides exemptions if the religious apparel is a legitimate danger to participants. ACU recognizes America was founded in part on the principle of religious freedom for all, supports strengthening protections for all to believe, express and practice their sincerely held religious beliefs and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 24, 2020 by a vote of 31-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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20. **SB 311 Protecting Individual Liberties by Limiting the Director of Health's Unilateral COVID-19 Orders.** This bill combats Ohio's Department of Health's (ODH) abuse of power during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Specifically, the bill would allow the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions to rescind ODH orders or rules. Additionally, this bill would prohibit ODH from issuing mandatory quarantine or isolation orders against an individual who has not been exposed to or medically diagnosed with the virus subject to the order. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 20-13 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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21. **SB 317 Strengthening Second Amendment Rights and Security at Public Schools.** This bill would strengthen Second Amendment rights and improve security at public schools by clarifying school districts have the authority to permit staff to be armed and set standards. The bill expressly overrules the terrible decision of the Twelfth District Court of Appeals in *Gabbard v Madison Local School Dist. Bd. of Edn.* which upheld a local ordinance that mandated over 700 hours of peace officer training to carry a firearm and was primarily designed to make it too time consuming and costly for most school employees to participate. ACU supports improving public safety and the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on November 18, 2020 by a vote of 21-11. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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22. **SB 341 Easing a Regulatory Burden in the Healthcare Industry Through Licensing Reciprocity for Qualified Nurses.** This bill expands competition and access to healthcare by joining Ohio with 34 other states in the Nurse Licensure Compact (NLC). The NLC allows for certain qualified nurses to have one multistate license which allows them to practice in all NLC states without being burdened to obtain additional licenses. ACU supports expanding competition and employment opportunities by reducing regulatory barriers and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 9, 2020 by a vote of 23-7. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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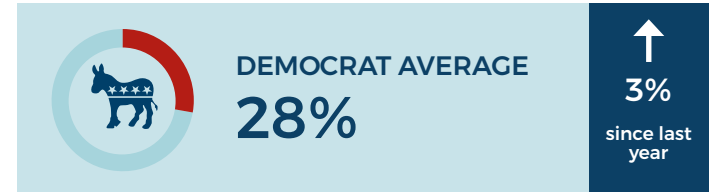
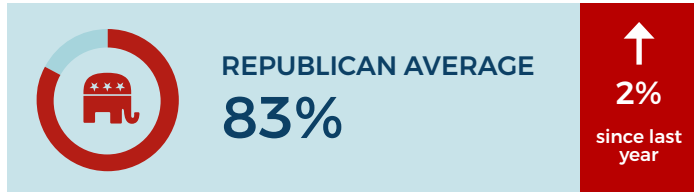
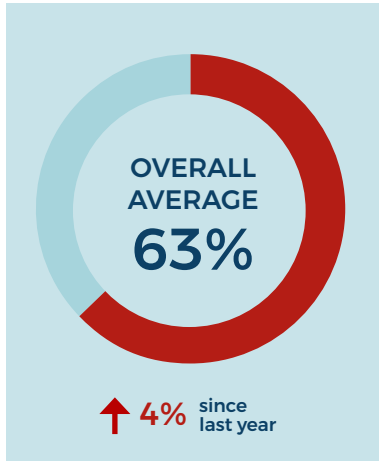
- 23. HB 352 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Tort Reform.** This bill helps improve the state's legal climate by adopting the Employment Law Uniformity Act (ELUA), which will help ensure more just legal outcomes between plaintiffs and employers. Specifically, this bill reforms Ohio statute of limitations on civil actions for employment discrimination claims from six years (the longest of any state in the nation) to two years. Additionally, this bill strengthens protections requiring a discrimination claimant to first exhaust their administrative remedies before filing a civil suit. Lastly, this bill reduces the ability for plaintiff's attorneys to unfairly hold supervisor's personally liable by increasing the standard to file suit personally, unless the supervisor is also the employer. ACU supports the right of harmed individuals to collect just and reasonable damages; however, we also support tort reform efforts such as this bill which reduce frivolous litigation that drives up employer costs and reduces hiring and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 30-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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- 24. SB 360 Providing a Crucial Check on Government Powers and Strengthening Protection of Second Amendment Rights.** This bill provides a crucial check on emergency powers by prohibiting any governmental entity or official from infringing Second Amendment rights under the guise of an emergency. Specifically, the bill bars government from prohibiting federally licensed firearms dealers in Ohio or a specified geographic area from engaging in the commercial sale or transfer of firearms, firearm components, or ammunition. This bill is partly in response to the Chinese coronavirus outbreak (COVID-19) which has prompted certain officials to shut down firearm dealers and servicers due to their alleged status as "non-essential businesses" (a vague and arbitrary term), therefore restricting the ability of law-abiding individuals to exercise their Second Amendment rights. ACU supports the founders' belief in the Second Amendment and supported the bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 28-5. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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- 25. SB 362 Expanding Cronyism by Forcing Taxpayers to Subsidize Government-Favored Businesses in Rural Areas.** This bill further expands government interference in the marketplace and enriches insurance companies by doubling the amount of tax credits issued for rural business growth fund investments. Under the bill, insurance companies may now seek \$90 million (previously \$45 million) in tax credits for loans or investments they make in rural business growth funds, which benefit select companies with fewer than 250 employees. The tax credit equals 100% of the insurance company's investment. ACU recognizes programs such as this have had little return on investment in other states leading to their termination in Colorado and New York. ACU further recognizes these programs primarily benefit just three special interest firms, Advantage Capital Partners, Enhanced Capital, and Stonehenge Capital. ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to direct lending and investment and opposes this cronyism which shifts tax burdens to individuals not favored by government and opposed this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 9, 2020 by a vote of 30-0. (The bill failed to advance in the House.)
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- 26. SB 375 Ending the Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown of County Fairs.** This bill would empower individuals to make their own health-related decisions by ending a Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) health order which banned most county fairs in the state. ACU opposes blanket restrictions on events imposed by government which fail to consider data at the local level, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on December 18, 2020 by a vote of 22-7 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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- 27. HB 481 Increasing Transportation Improvement District Costs through "Prevailing Wage" Mandates (Motion to Defeat).** This Antonio (ACUF Lifetime 13%) amendment to the local government spending bill drives up costs by forcing contractors and subcontractors working on transportation improvement district projects to comply with "prevailing wage" mandates. The prevailing wage originated under the Davis-Bacon Act, a Depression-era policy which forces companies contracting with the government to pay their workers above-market wages. ACU has long-opposed the prevailing wage, the Davis-Bacon Act, and other labor mandates which needlessly drive-up costs and opposed this amendment. The Senate defeated the amendment through a procedural motion on June 10, 2020 by a vote of 17-15. (A "Yea" vote supports the ACU position.)
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- 28. HB 606 Reopening Ohio by Creating Liability Protections for Certain Businesses and Health Care Providers.** This bill ensures that businesses and health care providers are protected from lawsuit abuse relating to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Under the bill, whenever these entities attempt in good faith to follow public health guidance, they are immune from civil liability related to actual or alleged exposure to COVID-19. The bill provides exceptions when a plaintiff shows by "clear and convincing evidence" that the business' actions amounted to "intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct. ACU supports reasonable liability limitations which protect health care providers and employers from overwhelming court costs due to lawsuit abuse and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on June 30, 2020 by a vote of 23-6 and the bill was signed into law.
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29. HB 669 Legalizing Delivery and To-Go Sales of Cocktails. This bill eases excessive restrictions on the alcoholic beverage industry by permitting the sale and delivery of “to-go cocktails.” While several states have eased restrictions on alcoholic beverage sales to provide relief to struggling businesses amid the economic shutdown relating to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19), the legislation makes Ohio one of the only states in the nation to permanently codify the reforms into law. ACU supports expanding consumer choice through a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports fostering economic growth by eliminating unnecessary, anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The Senate passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 30-2 and the bill was signed into law.



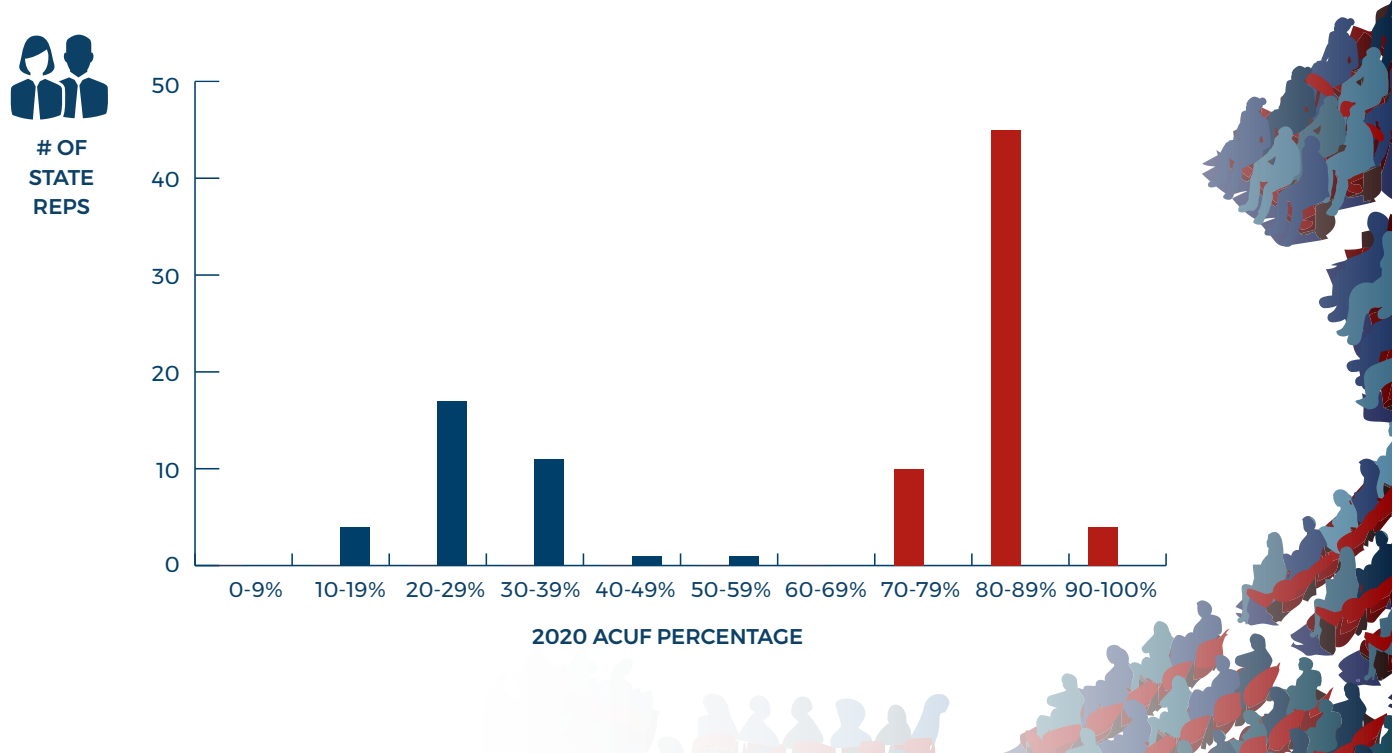
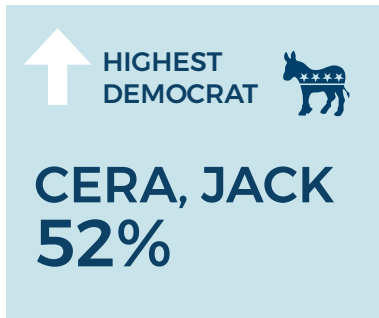
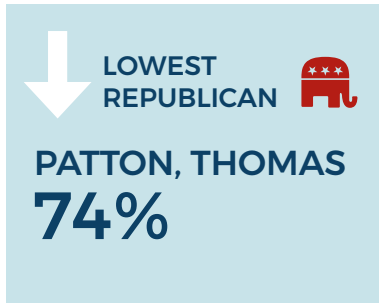
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OHIO HOUSE CONSERVATIVE RATINGS

RED = REPUBLICANS
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OHIO HOUSE SCORES

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+ = Member voted with ACU's position † = Legislator did not vote on enough of the selected bills and as a result did not receive a rating for the 2020 session. Two-thirds of the selected bills must be voted on to receive a score.
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 x = Member was absent for vote

- SB 1 Expanding Economic Opportunity through a 30% Cut in Regulations by 2022.
- HB 13 Socializing Broadband Expansion through a New Grant Program.
- SB 27 Protecting the Dignity of Aborted Remains of Unborn Children.
- SB 31 Protecting Privacy Rights by Requiring Written Consent to Conduct Contact Tracing.
- SB 33 Strengthening Property Rights and Protecting Key Infrastructure from Destruction.
- SB 39 Expanding Cronyism by Handing Out \$400 Million in Tax Credits for Government-Favored Development.
- SB 40 Strengthening Free Speech on College Campuses.
- SB 89 Improving Educational Outcomes by Strengthening School Choice.
- SB 140 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Reforming State Law Governing Knives.
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- HB 305 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a New School District Financing System.
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- HB 352 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Tort Reform.
- HB 355 Protecting Campgrounds from Frivolous Lawsuits.
- HB 374 Restricting Competition by Imposing Additional Regulations on Massage Therapy.
- SB 375 Ending the Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown of County Fairs.
- HB 425 (Amd. 2804) Infringing Second Amendment Rights through New Mandates on Firearm Storage (Motion to Defeat).
- HB 606 Reopening Ohio by Creating Liability Protections for Certain Businesses and Health Care Providers.
- HB 621 Protecting Businesses from Unequal Government-Imposed Shutdowns.
- HB 669 Legalizing Delivery and To-Go Sales of Cocktails.
- HB 680 Protecting Election Integrity by Preventing "Emergency" Mail-In Election Schemes.



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EDWARDS, JAY	R	94	83%	75%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
FRAIZER, MARK	R	71	83%	n/a	83%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Galonski, Tavia	D	35	22%	25%	19%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	X	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	+	+	X	-
GHANBARI, HARAZ	R	3	80%	75%	78%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
GINTER, TIMOTHY	R	5	80%	85%	86%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	-
GREEN, DOUG	R	66	77%	80%	84%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
GREENSPAN, DAVE	R	16	79%	72%	84%	-	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
GRENDELL, DIANE	R	76	84%	n/a	84%	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
HAMBLEY, STEPHEN	R	69	82%	80%	84%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Hicks-Hudson, Paula	D	44	23%	21%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	
HILLYER, BRETT	R	98	83%	70%	77%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HOLMES, ADAM	R	97	83%	75%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HOOD, RON	R	78	77%	93%	81%	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+
HOOPS, JAMES	R	81	83%	80%	81%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
HOUSEHOLDER, LARRY	R	72	79%	75%	85%	+	-	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	+	X	-	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+
Howse, Stephanie	D	11	21%	21%	13%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Ingram, Catherine	D	32	27%	20%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-
JONES, DON	R	95	83%	75%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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KELLER, CANDICE	R	53	79%	84%	88%	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+		
Kelly, Brigid	D	31	23%	25%	15%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	-	
KICK, DARRELL	R	70	86%	95%	90%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
KOEHLER, J. KYLE	R	79	87%	90%	90%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
LANESE, LAURA	R	23	83%	75%	82%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
LANG, GEORGE	R	52	86%	100%	93%	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	
LARE, JEFF	R	77	86%	n/a	86%	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
Leland, David	D	22	23%	20%	16%	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	
Lepore-Hagan, Michele	D	58	n/a†	20%	19%	-	-	-	-	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	-	+	X	X	+	-	-	X	X	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	-	
Lightbody, Mary	D	19	21%	20%	20%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	X	-	+	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	X	+	-		
LIPPS, P. SCOTT	R	62	84%	70%	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	
Liston, Beth	D	21	23%	20%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	
MANCHESTER, SUSAN	R	84	87%	95%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
MANNING, DON	R	59	n/a†	80%	80%	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	+	X	X	X	X	X	X	X	X
MANNING, GAYLE	R	55	79%	65%	77%	-	X	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+		
MCCLAIN, RIORDAN	R	87	87%	95%	90%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	
MERRIN, DEREK	R	47	80%	90%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	

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Miller, Joseph	D	56	27%	22%	24%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	
Miranda, Jessica	D	28	37%	25%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	
O'Brien, Michael	D	64	37%	30%	32%	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	+	+	-	-	-	+	+	+	-	
OELSLAGER, SCOTT	R	48	82%	75%	83%	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	
Patterson, John	D	99	35%	25%	29%	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	X	+	X	-	+	-	-	-	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	-
PATTON, THOMAS	R	7	74%	50%	77%	+	X	+	+	X	-	+	-	X	+	X	-	+	+	-	+	X	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	X	+	+	+	+	+	
PERALES, RICK	R	73	83%	75%	85%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
PLUMMER, PHIL	R	40	83%	75%	79%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
POWELL, JENA	R	80	87%	95%	91%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+
REINEKE, BILL	R	88	85%	90%	89%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	+
RICHARDSON, TRACY	R	86	83%	80%	82%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
RIEDEL, CRAIG	R	82	87%	90%	90%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Robinson, Phillip	D	6	27%	33%	30%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+	-
ROEMER, BILL	R	38	83%	85%	84%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Rogers, John	D	60	43%	40%	34%	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-	X	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	-
ROMANCHUK, MARK	R	2	90%	95%	90%	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Russo, Allison	D	24	23%	20%	22%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
SCHERER, GARY	R	92	83%	65%	86%	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	+	X	+	X	-	+	+	+	+	X	X	+	-	+	+	+	-	X	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
SEITZ, WILLIAM	R	30	83%	75%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sheehy, Michael	D	46	29%	25%	23%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	-	
Skindell, Michael	D	13	27%	30%	9%	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
SMITH, J. TODD	R	43	87%	85%	86%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Smith, Kent	D	8	17%	20%	11%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-
Sobecki, Lisa	D	45	26%	26%	26%	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	+	+	+	+	-	
STEIN, DICK	R	57	83%	69%	84%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	X	+
STEPHENS, JASON	R	93	83%	n/a	83%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+

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Strahorn, Fred	D	39	25%	32%	23%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	X	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+
SWEARINGEN, D. J.	R	89	79%	n/a	79%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	X	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
Sweeney, Bride	D	14	30%	25%	28%	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	-	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	+
Sykes, Emilia	D	34	17%	20%	12%	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	-	+	-	X	+	-	-	X	-	+	-	-	X	-	-	-	-	-	X	X	+	-
Upchurch, Terrence	D	10	32%	20%	26%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	-
VITALE, A. NINO	R	85	n/a	100%	88%	+	X	+	+	X	-	+	+	X	X	X	X	-	X	+	X	X	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	X	X	+	X	X	+
Weinstein, Casey	D	37	33%	31%	32%	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	X	+	X	-	+	-	+	+	X	+	-	-	-	X	-	-	X	-	+	+	+	-
West, Thomas	D	49	28%	30%	31%	-	-	-	-	-	X	-	-	-	+	-	-	+	+	+	+	-	+	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	+	+	-
WIGGAM, SCOTT	R	1	90%	89%	92%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	+
WILKIN, SHANE	R	91	83%	85%	87%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	+	+	+
ZELTWANGER, PAUL	R	54	84%	86%	88%	+	-	+	+	+	-	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	X	+	+	+	-	X	-	+	+	+	+	X	+

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OHIO HOUSE VOTE DESCRIPTIONS

- 1. SB 1 Expanding Economic Opportunity through a 30% Cut in Regulations by 2022.** This bill is designed to expand economic opportunities by reforming Ohio's incredibly burdensome and restrictive regulatory code. This bill is in response to studies such as one conducted by the Mercatus Center at George Mason University which found that Ohio imposes 100,000 more regulatory restrictions on workers and businesses than other states on average and that Ohio ranks third in the country for harmful regulations that do not improve public health or safety. Under the bill, nearly all state agencies would be required to reduce regulatory restrictions by 30% by 2022. The reductions would apply to restrictions that meet certain criteria set forth in the bill such as restrictions that exceed their intended purpose or scope, have an adverse impact on workers or businesses, are more severe than those in neighboring states, or are no longer useful or beneficial. Beginning in 2023, agencies that fail to meet the required reductions would be required to eliminate two restrictions for every new rule enacted that contains a restriction. Furthermore, the bill would direct the Joint Committee on Agency Rule Review (JCARR) to track agency reductions in restrictions and recommend reductions to the General Assembly. Additionally, the House version of this bill restricts the ability of the Department of Health to issue orders lasting longer than 14 days unless approved by JCARR. ACU supports measures to help entrepreneurs, businesses and employees prosper by eliminating excessive and unnecessary regulations, supports improving transparency of bureaucracies which often infringe individual liberties without a vote of the People or their elected representatives and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 6, 2020 by a vote of 58-37. (The House failed to advance the conference committee report.)
- 2. HB 13 Socializing Broadband Expansion through a New Grant Program.** This bill socializes broadband expansion by establishing an additional government bureaucracy and creating a new taxpayer-funded grant program. Specifically, this bill spends \$20 million to create the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program. ACU believes the market is the best mechanism to determine the need for broadband and does not believe that taxpayers in one area should be forced to subsidize the services of those who choose to live in another area and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on June 11, 2020 by a vote of 82-8. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 3. SB 27 Protecting the Dignity of Aborted Remains of Unborn Children.** This bill would protect the inherent human dignity of unborn children by requiring that fetal remains resulting from an abortion be given proper end of life accommodations such as a burial or cremation. Under the bill, pregnant women would be granted the right to determine whether the remains of their unborn child be given final disposition by cremation or burial, in addition to the right to deciding where the burial would take place. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and that the human remains from this tragedy should be treated with the utmost respect and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 3, 2020 by a vote of 60-36 and the bill was signed into law.
- 4. SB 31 Protecting Privacy Rights by Requiring Written Consent to Conduct Contact Tracing.** The House version of a bill (which provides first responders with greater privacy in public records requests) would also prohibit the government from mandating individuals participate in contact tracing due to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19). Specifically, the bill declares that any record created from contact tracing must be protected consistent with the federal Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act (HIPAA) Privacy Rule. ACU supports strong privacy rights, does not believe the government should exploit a health emergency to begin tracking the movements of citizens without a warrant and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 59-34. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
- 5. SB 33 Strengthening Property Rights and Protecting Key Infrastructure from Destruction.** This bill would strengthen property rights by establishing penalties for individuals and their co-conspirators who destroy, vandalize, or otherwise inhibit the operation of key infrastructure in the state such as pipelines, telecommunications facilities, and power plants. Under current law, there are penalties for trespassing, but property owners are not able to recover costs resulting from damage to property. Under this bill, penalties separate from mere trespassing would be established for both individuals causing damages and any entity or person who compensates trespassers. Additionally, the bill would prohibit individuals from conspiring or threatening destruction of key infrastructure through telecommunications. ACU firmly supports the founders' belief in the First Amendment and the right to peacefully assemble, and we also support protecting property rights by holding accountable all parties who cause destruction and violence and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 55-30 and the bill was signed into law.



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6. **SB 39 Expanding Cronyism by Handing Out \$400 Million in Tax Credits for Government-Favored Development.** This bill expands cronyism by handing out \$400 million in tax credits over the next four years to property owners and insurance companies that contribute to “transformational mixed use development” (TMUDs) projects. The tax credits are worth 10% of expenditures over \$50 million for the construction, redevelopment, or improvement of large buildings in cities with populations of at least 100,000. ACU believes the free market is the best mechanism to direct investment and development and supports a tax code that is broadly applied with as low of rates possible for everyone. ACU opposes this cronyism which steers investment to government favored regions and investments while shifting tax burdens to other individuals and businesses not favored by government and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 8, 2020 by a vote of 84-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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7. **SB 40 Strengthening Free Speech on College Campuses.** This bill, known as the “Forming Open and Robust University Minds (FORUM) Act”, would direct all public institutions of higher education to adopt free expression policies that protect the freedom of all students and faculty to assemble and speak, as protected by the First Amendment. Under the bill, all outdoor areas of campus that are generally accessible to a majority of students and faculty would be considered areas of public forum where expressive activities may occur, so long as the activity does not substantially disrupt the operation of the institution. Additionally, the bill would prohibit institutions from establishing “free speech zones” which in reality stifle free speech by prohibiting expressive activities anywhere outside the zone. Furthermore, the bill would prohibit institutions from discriminating against student groups based on their expression, including denying opportunities to receive funding, access meeting space, invite speakers, and other opportunities available to other student groups. Finally, the institutions would be required to share their speech policies publicly. ACU supports the freedom of speech as protected under the First Amendment and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 2, 2020 by a vote of 66-27 and the bill was signed into law.
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8. **SB 89 Improving Educational Outcomes by Strengthening School Choice.** This bill is designed to improve educational outcomes by responsibly expanding opportunities for students and their families to pursue school choice. Specifically, the bill expands eligibility for the Ohio’s EdChoice Income-based Scholarship Program from 200% of the Federal Poverty Level to 250%. ACU supports improving educational outcomes and reducing taxpayer costs by responsibly expanding school choice and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on November 19, 2020 by a vote of 53-36 and the bill was signed into law.
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9. **SB 140 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Reforming State Law Governing Knives.** This bill would strengthen individual liberties by no longer classifying certain “automatic knives” and edged tools as “deadly weapons” under Ohio law, thus allowing individuals to carry them. Additionally, the bill would eliminate Ohio’s irrational prohibition against manufacturing switchblades, gravity knives, and other tools in the state, acknowledging the fact these items are already legal for sale. ACU recognizes the overcriminalization of these tools has led to significant burdens for working Ohioans to conduct the duties of their jobs and significant penalties for law-abiding individuals who rely on these tools. ACU supports strengthening individual liberties and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 59-25 and the bill was signed into law.
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10. **HB 160 Expanding Individual Liberties by Reducing Anti-Competitive Restrictions on the Sale of Alcoholic Ice Cream.** This bill would expand individual liberties and strengthen economic growth by reducing anti-competitive restrictions on the sale of ice cream containing small amounts of alcohol. Under current law, manufacturers are permitted to sell alcoholic ice cream, but only on the site at which it is produced and in small quantities. This bill would ease those stringent regulations to allow producers to ship products directly to consumers and sell any quantity of products on-site for personal consumption. ACU supports a free market in the alcoholic product industry, supports expanding individual liberties and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 84-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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11. **SB 175 Strengthening the “Stand Your Ground” Self-Defense Law.** This bill strengthens the ability of Ohioans to defend themselves by expanding protections under the state’s “stand your ground” self-defense law. Under existing law, an individual in a public place who uses force to defend themselves could face criminal penalties if it was determined they could have retreated from a threat. This bill expands protections (currently applied to residences and vehicles) to ensure an individual is able to use force to protect themselves at any location if it is reasonably believed to be necessary to prevent injury, loss, or risk to life or safety. The bill also provides legal immunity to nonprofits (such as churches) for actions outside of their control involving a firearm on their premises. ACU supports the founders’ belief in the Second Amendment, supports the right to self-defense, supports improving legal clarity of judicial process and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 52-31 and the bill was signed into law.
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12. **HB 199 Raising Roofing Costs and Reducing Employment Opportunities Through an Additional Licensing Regime.** This bill raises roofing costs and establishes new barriers to be employed as a commercial roofer by imposing an additional state licensing regime on the industry. Under current law, a licensed General Contractor (GC) must obtain a state permit prior to installing a roof and is held liable for their work. This bill simply empowers unions to drive-up costs and limit the eligible workforce by making roofers also obtain a specialty contractor license. ACU opposes the proliferation of licensing requirements which are primarily designed to restrict competition and drive-up consumer costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on November 18, 2020 by a vote of 64-23. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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13. **HB 220 Advancing Innovation by Allowing Government to Utilize Blockchain Technology.** This bill permits governmental entities in Ohio to utilize blockchain technology in their governance activities. In the private sector, businesses have already begun using the technology to streamline contract and recordkeeping practices as well as increase cybersecurity. ACU supports advancing innovation and the use of blockchain technology for cryptocurrencies as well as increasing cybersecurity for public records and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 2, 2020 by a vote of 89-2. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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14. **HB 242 Protecting Consumers from Municipal Bans on Bags and Containers.** This bill prohibits a municipality from banning or imposing taxes on plastic bags or other “auxiliary containers,” such as reusable bags, bottles, or containers. This bill is in response to incredibly costly local mandates such as an outright ban on such containers in Cuyahoga County which is estimated to cost a local grocer \$2 million annually to switch to more expensive options for their customers. ACU believes that government (including both state and local) should not limit an individual’s choice in how they take their groceries home, believes government should not penalize law-abiding consumers of legal products and instead enforce existing anti-littering laws and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 58-35 and the bill was signed into law.
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15. **HB 253 Strengthening Individual Liberties by Easing the Prohibition on Fireworks.** This bill strengthens individual liberties by legalizing “consumer grade fireworks” such as roman candles, fountains, and firecrackers. ACU recognizes fireworks have always been a medium to express American liberty, so much so that John Adams insisted Independence Day be celebrated with “Illuminations from one end of this Continent to the other from this Time forward forever more.” ACU supports eliminating excessive regulation of commerce which infringes individual liberties and drives up consumer costs and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 4, 2020 by a vote of 78-17. (The bill failed to advance.)
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16. **HB 255 Increasing Government Transparency by Requiring Review of Property Tax Exemptions.** This bill ensures greater oversight of property tax exemptions by requiring the Tax Commissioner’s biennial report on state tax expenditures to include information on property tax exemptions. ACU opposes cronyism, believes many of the state’s property tax exemptions are examples of government picking winners and losers in the marketplace and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on November 18, 2020 by a vote of 87-0. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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17. **SB 260 Protecting Life by Preventing Abortion-Inducing Drugs from Being Prescribed through Telehealth.** This bill helps protect the lives of the unborn by preventing abortion-inducing drugs from being prescribed through telehealth. Under the bill, a physician would be guilty of a fourth-degree felony if they are not present for the administration of the abortion-inducing drug. ACU believes abortion is a human tragedy, supports restrictions to end the practice and efforts to provide appropriate medical information to patients and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 54-30 and the bill was signed into law.
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18. **HB 263 Reducing Employment Barriers for Reformed Individuals with Prior Criminal Convictions.** The bill establishes the Fresh Start Act which requires occupational licensing boards to consider evidence of rehabilitation and bear the burden of proof that an applicant’s criminal record “directly relates” to the license sought. Among other provisions, the bill creates a petition process so that ex-offenders can see if their criminal record would disqualify them from licensure before they invest in any training or coursework. ACUF’s Nolan Center for Justice is a national leader in criminal justice reform and works to cut crime, reduce taxpayer costs, protect victims, define the proper scope of government, and safely reduce incarceration rates. ACU opposes many of the state’s occupational licensing regimes which are primarily designed to restrict competition, supports efforts to lower recidivism by reducing barriers for reformed ex-offenders to the workforce and supported this bill as a step in the right direction. The House passed the bill on June 9, 2020 by a vote of 90-1 and the bill was signed into law.
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19. **HB 272 Protecting Religious Freedom by Limiting the Government's Ability to Shutdown Religious Services.** This bill strengthens religious liberties by banning the ability of any public official from closing places of worship, statewide or in a particular part of the state. This bill is in response to actions taken by government officials throughout the country during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak which prevented individuals from gathering and practicing their religion together. ACU supports the First Amendment and strengthening protections for all to express and practice their sincerely held religious beliefs and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 1, 2020 by a vote of 59-35 and the bill was signed into law.
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20. **HB 305 Fueling Out-of-Control Spending Through a New School District Financing System.** This bill places enormous new liabilities on taxpayers by changing the state's school funding formula. The bill contains numerous Leftist priorities (such as prohibiting school choice funding from coming out of school district budgets) and all together is estimated to cost taxpayers at least \$2 billion a year (a 22% increase in education spending). Under the current education funding formula, Ohio already spends the 18th most per-pupil in the country. Additionally, research from the Cato Institute demonstrates that while overall education spending has increased nearly three-fold from 1970 to 2010 (inflation adjusted), national test scores see limited to no substantial increase. ACU supports effective education spending, opposes attempts by teachers' unions and other special interest groups to drive up spending, resulting in higher taxes and reduced economic growth and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 3, 2020 by a vote of 87-9. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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21. **SB 311 Protecting Individual Liberties by Limiting the Director of Health's Unilateral COVID-19 Orders.** This bill combats Ohio's Department of Health's (ODH) abuse of power during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Specifically, the bill would allow the General Assembly to adopt concurrent resolutions to rescind ODH orders or rules. Additionally, this bill would prohibit ODH from issuing mandatory quarantine or isolation orders against an individual who has not been exposed to or medically diagnosed with the virus subject to the order. ACU supports protecting constitutional rights, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on November 19, 2020 by a vote of 58-32 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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22. **HB 352 Improving the State's Legal Climate Through Tort Reform.** This bill helps improve the state's legal climate by adopting the Employment Law Uniformity Act (ELUA), which will help ensure more just legal outcomes between plaintiffs and employers. Specifically, this bill reforms Ohio statute of limitations on civil actions for employment discrimination claims from six years (the longest of any state in the nation) to two years. Additionally, this bill strengthens protections requiring a discrimination claimant to first exhaust their administrative remedies before filing a civil suit. Lastly, this bill reduces the ability for plaintiff's attorneys to unfairly hold supervisor's personally liable by increasing the standard to file suit personally, unless the supervisor is also the employer. ACU supports the right of harmed individuals to collect just and reasonable damages; however, we also support tort reform efforts such as this bill which reduce frivolous litigation that drives up employer costs and reduces hiring and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 22, 2020 by a vote of 57-28 and the bill was signed into law.
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23. **HB 355 Protecting Campgrounds from Frivolous Lawsuits.** This bill protects owners of campgrounds from lawsuit abuse by greedy plaintiffs' attorneys. Specifically, the bill provides qualified immunity from civil liability to owners of campgrounds for injuries resulting from a well delineated and defined list of risks inherent to camping. This bill includes certain exemptions from immunity such as willful or wanton disregard for safety by the campground owner. ACU supports efforts to protect against frivolous litigation and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on January 29, 2020 by a vote of 65-31. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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24. **HB 374 Restricting Competition by Imposing Additional Regulations on Massage Therapy.** This bill further worsens the state's anti-competitive licensing regime regulating the practice of massage therapy. Under existing law, individuals could perform massage therapy services without going through the state's draconian licensing process if they did not specifically advertise the practice as "massage therapy" or use terminology such as "medical" or "therapeutic massage." This bill now strictly prevents anyone, regardless of how they advertise, from providing any type of massage therapy service without obtaining a license. ACU supports efforts to combat human trafficking and recognizes some activities have occurred at massage parlors. ACU believes government should prosecute bad actors as opposed to growing licensing regimes which create significant barriers to employment, restrict competition, and drive-up consumer costs and opposed this bill. The House passed the bill on December 3, 2020 by a vote of 89-7. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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25. **SB 375 Ending the Governor's COVID-19 Shutdown of County Fairs.** This bill would empower individuals to make their own health-related decisions by ending a Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) health order which banned most county fairs in the state. ACU opposes blanket restrictions on events imposed by government which fail to consider data at the local level, supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on December 17, 2020 by a vote of 54-30 but the bill was vetoed by the governor.
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26. **HB 425 (Amd. 2804) Infringing Second Amendment Rights through New Mandates on Firearm Storage (Motion to Defeat).** The Miranda (ACUF Lifetime 25%) amendment to the firearm notification bill significantly restricts the ability of law-abiding individuals to defend themselves from harm by imposing new restrictions on the storage of firearms. Under the amendment, all firearm owners are forced to keep their weapons in a locked container if a minor is on their property and makes "negligent storage" of a firearm a third-degree misdemeanor. ACU supports responsible and safe firearm storage, opposes this government overreach which restricts the ability of individuals to defend themselves and opposed this amendment. The House defeated the amendment through a procedural motion on June 11, 2020 by a vote of 58-32. (A "Yea" vote supports the ACU position.)
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27. **HB 606 Reopening Ohio by Creating Liability Protections for Certain Businesses and Health Care Providers.** This bill ensures that businesses and health care providers are protected from lawsuit abuse relating to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Under the bill, whenever these entities attempt in good faith to follow public health guidance, they are immune from civil liability related to actual or alleged exposure to COVID-19. The bill provides exceptions when a plaintiff shows by "clear and convincing evidence" that the business' actions amounted to "intentional, willful, or wanton misconduct. ACU supports reasonable liability limitations which protect health care providers and employers from overwhelming court costs due to lawsuit abuse and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on May 28, 2020 by a vote of 84-9 and the bill was signed into law.
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28. **HB 621 Protecting Businesses from Unequal Government-Imposed Shutdowns.** This bill takes a stand against Governor DeWine's heavy-handed business shutdown actions during the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) outbreak. Under the bill, businesses that were subject to the shutdown are able to remain open so long as they observe the same safety requirements imposed on businesses that were not required to limit or cease operations. ACU supports the ability of Americans to manage their own risk related to illnesses, believes that many of government's reactions to COVID-19 have done more harm than good and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on November 18, 2020 by a vote of 77-10. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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29. **HB 669 Legalizing Delivery and To-Go Sales of Cocktails.** This bill eases excessive restrictions on the alcoholic beverage industry by permitting the sale and delivery of "to-go cocktails." While several states have eased restrictions on alcoholic beverage sales to provide relief to struggling businesses amid the economic shutdown relating to the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19), the legislation makes Ohio one of the only states in the nation to permanently codify the reforms into law. ACU supports expanding consumer choice through a freer market in the alcoholic beverage industry, supports fostering economic growth by eliminating unnecessary, anti-competitive regulations and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on September 23, 2020 by a vote of 86-4 and the bill was signed into law.
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30. **HB 680 Protecting Election Integrity by Preventing "Emergency" Mail-In Election Schemes.** This bill is in response to Governor DeWine's actions in the Ohio Primary election, where the governor used the Chinese coronavirus (COVID-19) to institute universal mail-in voting. The bill would protect Ohio's election integrity by reinserting the legislature's control over the 2020 general election. Specifically, this bill prohibits a public official from "causing an election to be conducted other than the time, place, and manner prescribed by the Revised Code." Additionally, the bill prevents taxpayers from socializing the cost of absentee ballots by preventing the Ohio Secretary of State from including prepaid postage on any absentee ballot applications. ACUF's Center to Protect Voters and their Voices is a leader in rebuilding the safeguards of our election systems and ensuring that every legal vote counts. If our election system does not respect that principle, then American democracy will cease to exist. ACU recognizes that election integrity safeguards, such as reserving absentee voting for individuals who would otherwise be incapable of voting, are designed to help ensure that one person cannot cast the ballot of another (or one person on behalf of many others). ACU opposes weakening election integrity by eliminating safeguards that prevent voter fraud, which disenfranchises eligible voters, and supported this bill. The House passed the bill on June 4, 2020 by a vote of 61-35. (The bill failed to advance in the Senate.)
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