

## Senator Larry Obhof, President Pro Tempore

22<sup>nd</sup> Senate District

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Larry Obhof proudly represents the people of the 22nd Senate District, which includes Medina, Ashland and Richland counties, as well as portions of Holmes County. As President Pro Tempore, Senator Obhof is responsible for serving as the leader of the Senate in the absence of the Senate President.

Senator Obhof is focused on improving Ohio's economy and creating opportunities for economic growth. He is an advocate of fiscal responsibility, smaller government, and lower taxes. Senator Obhof has sponsored legislation covering a wide range of issues including education, civil and criminal law, election administration, and taxation. He has been described by newspapers as someone who is "instrumental in passing key bills," and who has earned "a reputation as a lawmaker with a willingness to work across party lines." Prior to becoming President Pro Tempore, Senator Obhof was twice unanimously selected by his colleagues to serve as the Senate's Majority Whip.

Senator Obhof currently serves as Vice Chairman of the Rules and Reference Committee, which determines which bills, resolutions and appointments are considered by the full Senate. He serves on a number of subject-matter committees, including the Government Oversight and Reform Committee, Civil Justice Committee, Financial Institutions Committee, and the Finance Corrections Subcommittee. Senator Obhof is also a member of the Joint Legislative Ethics Committee and the Legislative Service Commission, which oversees a staff that is responsible for providing members of the General Assembly with impartial and accurate information and reports concerning legislative issues.

Senator Obhof has received numerous honors in recognition of his work, including several "Legislator of the Year" awards. Among others, these include being named Watchdog of the Treasury by the United Conservatives of Ohio and a Friend of Agriculture by the Ohio Farm Bureau Federation. In 2014, Senator Obhof was named Legislator of the Year by the Public Children Services Association of Ohio. Obhof was named Guardian of Small Business by the National Federation of Independent Business (in 2013) and received the Outstanding Legislator Award from the Ohio Society of CPAs (in 2015) in recognition of his efforts to improve Ohio's economy.

In addition to his legislative duties, Senator Obhof is an attorney at Squire Patton Boggs (US) LLP. He has also served as an adjunct professor at Case Western Reserve University School of Law, where he taught courses on



legislation and civil procedure. Obhof graduated with degrees in Economics, History, and Political Science from The Ohio State University. He earned his law degree from Yale Law School.

Senator Obhof resides in Medina with his wife, Nicole, and their three daughters.