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Conservative Statesman Jim Hoops Announces Key Endorsements

Extensive and Growing List of Key Local Officials Endorse Jim Hoops for State Senate

Napoleon, Ohio--State Representative Jim Hoops announced that he has received endorsements from over 50 local officials in his campaign for Ohio's First District State Senate seat. The notably early endorsements issued in this race come from a broad and diverse list of long-standing, well-respected local officials in each of the 10 counties within the First Senate District. This follows a recent announcement that Hoops has an impressive \$300,000 cash on hand going into the May 2026 primary election.

Representative Hoops has over 50 endorsements from community leaders. Due to his vast experience, respected reputation, and deep understanding of the First Senate District's citizens, communities, principles, and values, Jim Hoops has earned this strong support and is being backed by previous state legislators from the region including, including but not limited to former State Representative Tony Burkley and former State Senator Lynn Wachtmann.

"I am truly humbled and sincerely appreciative of this show of support for my state senate campaign", stated Representative Hoops. "To be effective in Columbus as the voice for our region, it's imperative to build solid relationships and foster candid communications with local officials, who know every detail about their communities and their citizens. From my years of experience as a state representative, that teamwork has proven to be invaluable and these endorsements show how these local officials share that belief."

"Jim Hoops is a true champion for the people. He listens, engages, and stands up for our district every day at the state level," said Jon Rupp, Fulton County Commissioner.

Jack Reser, Logan County auditor said, "Jim Hoops has spent his career delivering steady, commonsense leadership rooted in local service, and that is exactly the proven leadership we need in the Ohio Senate."

Endorsements have been garnered throughout the district including Doug Cade, Hancock County Engineer, "Jim is always willing to listen and help local communities with their needs, I am proud to lend my support to Jim to be our next State Senator."

Additional endorsements come from county commissioners, auditors, sheriffs, clerks of court, recorders, prosecutors, and treasurers. His campaign boasts the endorsement of ten local Mayors as well.

Jim Hoops is known for his unwavering commitment to protecting the unborn, our second amendment rights and our tax dollars. He is a conservative statesman that stands up for the values of Northwest Ohio. These endorsements demonstrate the confidence the people of Ohio's First Senate District have in Jim Hoops.

For a full list of endorsements and quotes, please visit www.jimhoops.com.

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Full List of Endorsements of Jim Hoops for Senate, District 1

Former State Representative Tony Burkley (Paulding County) - "Jim Hoops is what you look for in a Public Servant. Jim is not a phony, he is the real deal."

Auditor Liz Fruchey (Henry County) - "Jim Hoops cares about our rights. He is always willing to meet with individuals and groups. He listens! I support Jim Hoops for our next Senator!"

Commissioner Joel Miller (Henry County) - "I have worked with Jim in many different ways over the years - he genuinely cares about the residents of Ohio. He will take a stand for what is right for Ohio. You can count on Hoops to work hard for the First Senate District!"

Clerk of Courts Kim Stouffer (Henry County) - "Jim Hoops is committed to serving his constituents. He has always been very approachable, and he is very knowledgeable and explains current issues facing Ohioans and the impact our vote will have. Jim is conservative and caring. I trust that he will advocate for what is best for not only me and my family, but also all citizens of Ohio."

Sheriff Tom Kochert (Williams County) - "Jim will bring the highest levels of integrity, character, and ethical conduct to the Senate. I've seen it firsthand time and time again. Respect is earned, and Jim has done it!"

Former Sheriff Al Wood (Williams County) - "Jim has my full and total support! Jim was the Manager of Maintenance, Food Service, and the Police Department at Northwest State Community when I served as Chief of Police. Jim was the best manager I have ever worked for. He always listened and respected us. He worked with us, not for him. We were a team! I'm very familiar with his service as a State Representative and he continually displays the same characteristics of hard work, dedication and respect for his constituents! He will make a great Senator!"

Mayor Don Leu (West Unity) - "Jim Hoops does what he says, and gets it done."

Mayor Steve Yagelski (Montpelier) - "Over the years of being associated with Representative Jim Hoops, he has always made himself available to discuss topics as they relate to the Village of Montpelier and its residents. Representative Hoops has always been extremely supportive assisting Montpelier by

working side by side with various committees on numerous projects that have been successful. I fully support Jim Hoops with his next step at representing our area as Senator.”

Sheriff Roy Miller (Fulton County) – “I’ve known Jim for several years: he supports law enforcement. I have received calls from Jim when laws are being introduced that may affect law enforcement. Jim will call Sheriffs and Police Chiefs to get their opinion on a bill being presented to make sure he makes an informed vote when it may not be popular with others.”

Recorder Wendy Hardy (Fulton County) – “I appreciate Representative Hoops open communication. He listens to constituents, local elected officials and comes to all community events when possible.”

Clerk of Courts Tracy Zuver (Fulton County) – “I am honored to say that I am supporting Jim Hoops for Ohio State Senate, District 1. Representative Hoops takes the time to listen to the needs of our local government. Representative Hoops not only listens, but he goes the extra steps to see why and how the needs will impact our local government. He then takes these needs to Columbus and voices our concerns, standing up for the people that he represents. I have had the privilege of knowing and working with Representative Hoops for several years now. He is a person who will do what he says he will do and fight for who he represents. He does what is right for the people and not for a personal gain. Representative Hoops is the person who will do the job for the people.”

Prosecutor Luke Jones (Fulton County) – “Jim Hoops is a proven conservative who is responsive to the needs of our local communities.”

Commissioner Jon Rupp (Fulton County) – “Jim Hoops is a true champion for the people. He listens, engages, and stands up for our district every day at the state level.”

Commissioner Jeff Rupp (Fulton County) – “Jim has worked tirelessly at the Statehouse for his constituents for many years. He is known as a man of wisdom with a calm demeanor that enables him to work with his colleagues on both sides of the aisle. I fully support Jim Hoops to represent the citizens of Fulton County and First Senate District.”

Engineer Frank Onweller (Fulton County) – “I’m supporting Jim Hoops for the First Senate District because of the attention and support he has shown while serving as our State Representative. He is a down to Earth, fiscally responsible person who truly cares about his constituents and local governments. He’s open to hear your opinion on issues and will also let you know his position. I appreciate and have a lot of respect for the work he has done and expect that it will continue as our State Senator.”

Commissioner Mike Yoder (Logan County) – “I have known Jim for many years and believe he will make a great Ohio Senator.”

Auditor Jack Reser (Logan County) – “Jim Hoops has spent his career delivering steady, commonsense leadership rooted in local service, and that is exactly the proven leadership we need in the Ohio Senate.”

Engineer Doug Cade (Hancock County) – “Jim is always willing to listen and help the local community with their needs. I am proud to lend my support to Jim to be our next State Senator.”

Commissioner Jeff Hunker (Hancock County) – “A man of Honesty, Integrity, and Faith.”

Auditor Charity Rauschenberg (Hancock County) – “Jim Hoops has the experience to relate to the complexity of property taxes in the State of Ohio and the understanding of our taxpayers' frustrations in paying the taxes. I support Jim to continue the work on lowering Ohio taxes, including property taxes, and expanding programs for our elderly and lower income property owners.”

Auditor Bob Benroth (Putnam County) – “I am Honored to support Jim Hoops for State Senate, a true Conservative.”

Commissioner Lisa McClure (Paulding County) – “Your voice is our voice. Jim is dedicated to solving issues in Northwest Ohio. Keep up the great work!”

Former Recorder Sandy Barber (Fulton County)--“I have known Jim Hoops since he was Henry County Auditor, I have watched him grow as a leader with a strong commitment to service. Jim is not afraid to tackle difficult issues and he is a man of his word. He can take his experience as a State Representative and become a great State Senator for this district; I proudly endorse his candidacy.”

Additional Endorsees

Former State Senator Lynn Wachtmann (Ohio’s First Senate District)

Recorder Brandi Baden (Henry County)

Commissioner Glenn Miller (Henry County)

Treasurer Diana Wachtmann (Henry County)

Mayor Joel Bialorucki (Napoleon)

Mayor Mike Woods (Deshler)

Mayor Jay Branson (Liberty Center)

Treasurer Kellie Gray (Williams County)

Auditor Vicki Grimm (Williams County)

Prosecutor Katie Zartman (Williams County)

Commissioner Terry Rummel (Williams County)

Engineer Todd Roth (Williams County)

Trustee Bob Short (President of Williams County Township Association)

Mayor Carrie Schlade (City of Bryan)

Mayor Joe Beck (Stryker)

Commissioner Joe Short (Fulton County)

Auditor Brett Kolb (Fulton County)

Mayor Neil Toeppe (Village of Swanton)

Treasurer Steve Welton (Hancock County)

Former Sheriff Mike Heldman (Hancock County)

Auditor Mike Bacon (Hardin County)

Former Recorder Sharon Sams (Hardin County)

Auditor Jill Little (Defiance County)

Agricultural Leader Gary Wilson (Hancock County)

Mayor Kathy Hunter (Wauseon)

Mayor Lynn Webb (Kenton)

Auditor Jami Bradford (Van Wert County)

Prosecutor Joseph Burkard (Paulding County)

Commissioner Mike Weible (Paulding County)

Engineer Scott Strahley (Paulding County)

Trustee Michael Elser (Williams County) Vice President Williams County Township Association

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