The Lawmaker Equality Scorecard is Equality Ohio's review of the legislative records and campaign statements of Ohio's current and, for some races, future lawmakers. These grades are based on voting records and campaign statements regarding LGBTQ+ issues, civil rights, and racial justice.

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MORE INFORMATION ON THE OHIO SUPREME COURT RACE, SCORING METHODOLOGY, AND GENERAL ASSEMBLY HIGHLIGHTS ON REVERSE SIDE

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No actions or statements occurring later than June 1, 2022 were factored into Equality Ohio’s scores.

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Most Consequential Race: Ohio Supreme Court

What’s at stake: The Ohio Supreme Court is the top arbiter of Ohio’s state constitution and laws. Each is elected to a 6-year term. The state’s highest Court is an important check on the other branches of government.

Why it matters: Two million cases go through our state court system yearly, and the Ohio Supreme Court will hear around 1,500 of them. Whether it’s ruling that the school funding formula is unconstitutional, or sending gerrymandered maps back to the Ohio Redistricting Commission, these seven Justices decide the fate of Ohio’s most consequential legal disputes.

Impact on LGBTQ+ Rights: The Ohio Supreme Court will hear cases that involve LGBTQ+ issues, litigants, and rights. We must have Justices who understand LGBTQ+ people, support equality, and are willing to uphold LGBTQ+ civil rights.

Types of Disputes the Ohio Supreme Court Decides:
- The constitutionality of laws passed at the state and local level
- Cases involving election disputes and redistricting
- Questions of public or great general interest
- Death penalty and other felony cases
- Administrative agency appeals
- Cases involving gender and sexual identity issues

3 of 7 seats on Ohio’s highest court are up for grabs in 2022.

Leaders When it Counted in the 134th General Assembly

Senator Nickie Antonio (Dist. 23) is Ohio’s first openly LGBTQ+ legislator and has been a true champion for equality. She has sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act for over a decade and championed other affirming bills. She is pushing to modernize Ohio’s HIV laws to reflect advances made in HIV medical care and continues to promote smart legislation that respects civil rights for all.

Senator Matt Dolan (Dist. 24) has been unwavering in his commitment to passing nondiscrimination protections for LGBTQ+ Ohioans. As a sponsor of the Ohio Fairness Act, Dolan has insisted that the OBA is imperative for a thriving economy. Dolan knows what the majority of Ohioans know: protecting LGBTQ+ Ohioans is a nonpartisan goal.

Representative Brett Hillyer (Dist. 98) has been a consistently strong advocate for LGBTQ+ equality in Ohio. As a primary sponsor of the Ohio Fairness Act, Hillyer has led by example by using his pulpit through op-eds, public statements, one-on-one conversations with policy makers, and engagement with LGBTQ+ leaders to highlight the importance of bipartisan collaboration to build inclusivity in Ohio.

Representative Phil Robinson (Dist. 6) has proven he is a reliable ally for LGBTQ+ Ohioans. More than once this session, Robinson spoke on the House floor to express unapologetic support for transgender youth athletes. Robinson has shown leadership by boldly standing up to fellow representatives who attempted to cram harmful, extreme anti-trans provisions into unrelated legislation.

Representative Michael Skindell (Dist. 13) has been a vigilant defender of LGBTQ+ equality. He has sponsored the Ohio Fairness Act for over a decade, and when transgender youth were at risk of losing access to sports through a last-minute amendment to an unrelated bill, Skindell boldly protested right on the statehouse floor.

Scorecard Methodology

Legislative Voting Record Formula

Legislators’ records were reviewed based on voting records on consequential legislation during the 134th General Assembly. Their final score is a composite of 3 analyses:

- **Queer Score**: Sponsorship & voting record for bills specific to LGBTQ+ issues
- **Solidarity Score**: Sponsorship & voting record for bills that affect inclusion, equity & access for all races, genders, religions, income, age, or other demographics
- **Boast (if applicable)**: Noteworthy public statements & actions related to LGBTQ+ issues

The displayed letter grade is the Final Ally Score—which reflects the legislator’s overall support for equality in Ohio. It is computed by averaging the Solidarity Score and Queer Score, plus the Boost (if applicable), which could raise or lower a legislator’s score by a full letter grade or more.