

DAVE YOST

FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

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July 24, 2018

Dear CCV Board Member:

I have had the distinct honor and privilege of serving as your Auditor of State for the last seven years. As Auditor, I have fought to find the truth, and bring forth justice for Ohioans. From our children struggling in schools that are failing them, to corrupt politicians that are stealing your tax dollars, I fight for right every day.

Now I have a new fight, and it is one I have been preparing for my whole life: to serve as your attorney general. I would like to have your endorsement.

I am a practicing Christian, and active in my church. I served as an elder twice and a worship leader for more than 25 years. My wife, Darlene, was adopted in the pre-Roe era, and we are both active in the right to life movement.

But my duty as attorney general will be to defend and enforce the laws enacted by the General Assembly and signed by the governor. There is no "unless I disagree" clause in the oath of office I will take.

For this reason, I feel I cannot complete the CCV candidate survey. The survey asks many questions that are likely to be subjects of legislation and litigation. Doing so could conflict me out of handling that case—and, candidly, I have no vote in the General Assembly.

For what it's worth, I declined to complete the survey for Ohio Right to Life, for the same reasons of duty. The Ohio Right to Life PAC still endorsed my candidacy.

Let me repeat: I would be honored to earn your support of my candidacy to become Ohio's next attorney general. I believe that after reading this letter and the supporting materials I have provided, you will gain a more rounded view of my background, my values system and my plans for the attorney general's office.

As a county prosecutor I won the very first capital murder conviction in the history of Delaware County. I also broke up the county's largest drug ring—a case that was not without its challenges. While working the case, threats were made against my family and me, but stopping these criminals and getting justice drove my work (and if you are wondering, my wife and I now have our concealed carry permits).

My fight for what's right led me to the State Auditor's office, where our work has helped secure convictions for more than 165 corrupt public officials. However, Ohio faces some of its greatest challenges in recent memory, and these challenges deserve our full attention.

Opioids are ravaging our state, and the plans to stop their spread simply have not worked. We need to get

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tougher on how we stop the drugs coming into our state. Let's get the dealers off the street and into prison, and get those battling addiction into treatment so they can get their lives back on track.

Human trafficking is modern-day slavery. Christians led the fight to abolish slavery—we should and will lead the fight against human trafficking.

Partisan politicians continue to try and hack away at our constitutionally guaranteed rights, especially the Second Amendment. As the prosecuting attorney in Delaware County, I signed on to an amicus brief in *D.C. v. Heller*. As your attorney general, I vow to uphold the rule of the law and the Constitution—all of it—because an attorney general that does not defend the Second Amendment is dangerous to the entire Constitution.

Ohio's Legislature continues to enact laws that protect the sanctity of life. As your attorney general, I will uphold and defend those laws. Darlene's birth mother said she would have elected to have an abortion. But because of pro-life laws that were in place, Darlene was given a chance—as were our three impactful children, and our three grandchildren. Today, Darlene and I remain active in church-related pro-life ministries.

As your attorney general, I will spend every day fighting for *all* Ohioans—that includes our most vulnerable, and the unborn who cannot fight for themselves. The most valuable, precious, beautiful thing in all of creation is life. And if we do not protect life, then there is nothing else worth protecting.

I have been preparing for this job my entire life. Every day I wake up with a passion to fight for those that cannot, to protect Ohio from the drugs that are crippling our state, and to end useless government overreach that hurts our economy.

I would be happy to meet with the CCV Board in person, or over the phone, to discuss my stances. If you have any questions about where I stand on certain issues, please feel free to reach out to me directly. You can reach me on my personal cell phone—740-815-9128—or at Dave@DaveYost.com. I look forward to working with you in the fight to protect Ohio as attorney general.

Yours,



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Dave Yost was elected Ohio's 32nd Auditor of State in 2010, running a campaign focused on skinnier, smarter government. Dave won re-election in 2014 with a margin of 57 to 38 percent, winning 82 of Ohio's 88 counties.

Dave has worked in both the private and public sectors. A journalist, lawyer, prosecutor, and elected leader, he is running to be Ohio's next attorney general.

Dave attended the Ohio State University, studying political science and journalism, and later Capital Law School. His first job was as a reporter for the *Columbus Citizen-Journal*, where he won several awards for his work. He left the paper to work for former Columbus Mayor Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart, eventually becoming his press secretary.

After graduating from law school, Dave practiced law with three other attorneys at the firm of Burkam, Yost & Fuller in Delaware County. He was appointed county auditor in 1999 and served in that role for four years, winning election in 2000. As auditor—essentially, the CFO of a county government—Dave earned the Certificate of Excellence in Financial Reporting every year, the "gold standard" honor bestowed by the Government Finance Officers Association.

Dave became Delaware County prosecuting attorney in 2003, and served in that role for eight years. As county prosecutor, he successfully prosecuted Delaware County's first capital murder case and broke up the largest drug ring in the county's history. He served on the board of the Ohio Prosecuting Attorney's Association and the Supreme Court Commission on Rules and Practice.

In addition to cases at home, other county prosecutors recognized his skill and drive and asked him to serve as a special prosecutor in their counties on cases in which they had a conflict of interest.

Dave's dedication to what he calls "clean, skinny government" followed him into the Auditor's office in 2011. His team has identified more than \$260 million in efficiency savings for state and local government, and his team's work has helped secure convictions for more than 165 corrupt public officials.

Dave's passion for justice includes fighting public corruption. Dave gained national attention for his work investigating the Columbus City Schools data rigging scandal, which resulted in school policy changes and criminal convictions for the wrongdoers. He also led the fight to bring accountability to Ohio's charter schools, helping to pass a tough reform law—while at the same time celebrating the successes that school choice has brought for so many of the state's children.

Dave currently lives in Franklin County with his wife, Darlene. Dave and Darlene have three adult children, all of whom grew up in Delaware County. Dave and Darlene's children and three grandchildren make their homes in central Ohio.

Dave and Darlene are active in the pro-life movement and volunteer in a church-related ministry to feed the urban homeless. They enjoy cooking and hiking, and lead a small group in their church.

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DAVE YOST'S ACCOMPLISHMENTS AS AUDITOR OF STATE

Saving Your Tax Dollars

- Dave Yost worked with the Ohio General Assembly to pass new laws requiring performance audits of state agencies and higher education institutions.
- More than \$260 million in potential savings have been found by Dave Yost through performance audits.
- Since becoming State Auditor, Dave Yost has uncovered more than \$30 million in Medicaid fraud.
- Auditor Yost launched SkinnyOhio.org to provide local governments with tools to boost efficiency, cut costs, and better serve their citizens while saving tax dollars.
- Yost identified more than \$3.4 million worth of incoming payments to local governments that never made it into government accounts because they were pocketed by rogue government employees. He released guidelines on how to detect and deter future pocketed payments.

Fighting For Our Children

- Auditor Yost unraveled the knot of the Columbus City Schools data scrubbing scandal. Columbus Schools were manipulating data to falsely show parents that the school system was doing better than it truly was.
- Yost's investigation into Columbus Schools led to a statewide audit of student attendance data and discovered several school districts were scrubbing student data.
- Dave Yost helped pass landmark charter school reforms to strengthen accountability, provide much needed transparency, and rid charter schools of conflicts of interest.

Protecting Ohioans

- Since becoming Auditor of State, the work of Dave Yost's team has helped secure convictions for more than 165 corrupt public officials.
- Auditor Yost's office was instrumental in making it a criminal penalty for public officials to knowingly use public funds for political campaigns.
- Yost championed a constitutional amendment to ban special interest monopolies from taking over the Ohio Constitution.
- Auditor Yost testified before Congress on his office's investigation into the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program (food stamps) with the goal of ensuring Ohio's tax dollars are used properly.
- He made recommendations on how to monitor, identify, and combat fraud in real time, including on the Ohio Stops Fraud mobile application.
- Yost's office has increased fraud detection and prevention training programs to help local officials detect and deter theft.
- The Fiscal Integrity Act became law in 2015 to better prepare local fiscal officers and to be able to remove fiscal officers that do not perform their duties.

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SELECT PRESS COVERAGE

Former Niles mayor Ralph Infante convicted on 22 of 32 corruption charges

The Youngstown Vindicator

May 7, 2018

"Public corruption and fraud investigations are complex, long undertakings," Yost said. "I am proud of the [public integrity team] that represents the best white collar investigatory unit in Ohio. The case involving former Mayor Ralph Infante is further proof of the quality of their work."

Ohio Auditor releases new tool to help track cases where state employees pocket money

Fox 45

November 15, 2017

Ohio Auditor Dave Yost sent out an alarm Wednesday about state employees stealing your money. According to a new report, they've pocketed more than \$3 million in the past decade.

Ohio lawmakers pass bill to require photo ID on food stamp cards

WFMJ

November 2, 2017

"The food stamp program is a lifesaver for thousands of Ohioans, and we must do all we can to ensure the integrity of the program so the truly needy get the assistance they need."

Proposal would clamp down on government credit cards

The Columbus Dispatch

July 26, 2017

To protect local taxpayers, state Auditor Dave Yost and Rep. David Greenspan, R-Westlake, are proposing legislation that would restrict the use of such [credit] cards... "There isn't a reason for any government to access cash with a debit card," Yost said.

4 Northeast Ohio providers owe Medicaid department more than \$1 million, state auditor says

Cleveland Plain Dealer

February 16, 2017

"It's disturbing to know that some Ohioans risk being in the care of individuals who lack basic but essential medical training and who haven't even been properly vetted for the job."

A culture of deceit in Columbus schools

The Columbus Dispatch

January 28, 2014

State Auditor Dave Yost's long-awaited report found that some Columbus school employees set out to deceive the state and federal education departments - and the people of Columbus.

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ABOUT DAVE YOST

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Office sought: attorney general

Incumbent: no

Prior Offices Dave Yost Has Held:

Auditor of State (2011-present)

Delaware County Prosecutor (2003-2011)

Delaware County Auditor (1999-2003)

Delaware City Council (1995-1996)

Offices for Which Dave Yost Has Run:

Ohio Auditor of State (2010, 2014)

Delaware County Prosecutor (2002, 2006)

Delaware County Auditor (appointed 1999, elected 2000)

Delaware City Council (1994)

Professional Experience:

Ohio Auditor of State

Delaware County Prosecutor

Delaware County Auditor

Delaware City Council

Law partner at Burkam, Yost & Fuller in Delaware County

Press secretary for Columbus City Mayor Dana G. "Buck" Rinehart

Journalist for the *Columbus Citizen-Journal*

Education:

Capital University, JD

Ohio State University, BA

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ENDORSEMENTS FOR DAVE YOST FOR ATTORNEY GENERAL

Since announcing his candidate for attorney general, Dave Yost has proudly received the endorsements of:

- Ohio Right to Life
- Ohio Value Voters
- Ohio Republican Party
- NFIB Ohio
- Ohio Society of CPAs
- Ohioans for Concealed Carry
- Ohio Carry
- Ohio Bail Agents Association
- Ohio Association of Security and Investigation Services