Register to vote and then vote

Early voting begins October 2, 2012 in Ohio, and the last day to register is October 9, 2012 by 9 p.m. After months of opposition and strife, it is imperative that all Ohioans exercise the right to vote. Voting is not just an occasional activity; but your opportunity to elect the officials who serve you, and your family.

Voting is your opportunity to ensure that jobs are created in your district, so that you can provide for your family, and we have leaders committed to rebuilding the economy. It is your opportunity to ensure that roads and bridges you travel on each day are safe for your family to travel to and from work, school, or leisure. Voting is an opportunity to ensure that your children have a safe place to play, access to healthy foods, and the highest quality education.

Without a vote, you are without a voice, and the people of the 11th Congressional District have worked too hard to be voiceless. So learn all you can about the voting laws and regulations. Make sure that you meet the requirements. Vote early if you won't be able to make it to a polling location, or vote by mail if that is more convenient. But most importantly, VOTE like your life depends on it, because it does!

What are the qualifications to register and to vote in Ohio?

You are qualified to register to vote in Ohio if you meet **all** the following

requirements:

1. You are a citizen of the United States;

2. You will be at least 18 years old on or before the day of the next general

election. (If you will be 18 on or before November 8, you may vote in the

primary election to nominate candidates, but you cannot vote on issues or

party central committees until you are 18);

3. You will be a resident of Ohio for at least 30 days immediately before the

election in which you want to vote;

4. You are not incarcerated (in prison or jail) for a felony conviction under

the laws of this state, another state, or the United States;

5. You have not been declared incompetent for voting purposes by a probate

court; and

6. You have not been permanently disenfranchised for violating the election

laws. You are eligible to vote in elections held in your voting precinct 30 days after

you are duly registered to vote in this state. You may request an absentee ballot during that 30 day period.