



Reader backs 'proven and experienced' Matt Dolan for US Senate

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By Kevin Shimp

With local elections now behind us, many in Ohio will begin to turn their focus to the political calendar in 2022. No race looms larger than the contest for U.S. Senate.

Matt Dolan, a conservative Republican, was recently in Columbus hosting a town hall forum with the CapCity Young Republicans, a group I lead. He answered questions for an hour and didn't shy away from anything that was asked of him.

One area of focus that stuck out was his support of the federal infrastructure plan that would provide billions of dollars for Ohio's roads and bridges and improve the quality of life for every Columbus resident who has ever spent time in traffic. Supporting the infrastructure bill is a big deal because Ohio is a major hub of interstate and international transit. If we upgrade our infrastructure, we can bring more jobs, more businesses and more revenue to Ohio.

On the campaign trail, we have heard a lot about fighting for Ohio, but talk is cheap. The truth is that Matt Dolan is the only candidate who has illustrated his ability to actually cut your taxes, reduce the size of government, and protect the First Amendment.

I support Matt because he is a proven and experienced legislator who gets results. That's something all Ohioans would be wise to support in 2022.

Strongsville mayor supports Matt Dolan's bid for U.S. Senate

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By Mayor Thomas Perciak

As mayor of the City of Strongsville, I wholeheartedly support Matt Dolan's bid for the U.S. Senate.

Matt (R-24) represents smart, conservative leadership. As an Ohio senator, Matt has helped Strongsville secure significant grant dollars in support of our local business community, as well as community projects that enhance our residents' quality of life.

Matt has always kept his focus on local issues and empowering people. He will bring this same ethic to the U.S. Senate.

I urge all my fellow Republicans to take a serious look at Matt Dolan. He won't let you down.



Hottinger supports Dolan for U.S. Senate

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By Senator Jay Hottinger

I am thrilled that my friend and colleague, Matt Dolan, has officially announced his candidacy for U.S. Senate. His style and substantive focus on the issues will elevate the tenor of a race that has lacked seriousness to date. Matt also offers Ohio Republicans a choice of someone who is conservative, results-oriented and driven to stand up for our conservative interests in Washington, D.C.

Nobody in this race has a record of success that matches those of Dolan. I know this because I serve alongside him in the State Senate.

When it comes to fighting for his own principles, including smaller government, lower taxes and individual freedom, Matt has earned his stripes.

I look forward to watching Matt shift the discussion in the U.S. Senate race to the issues that actually matter to the people of Ohio. Undoubtedly, our state will be better for it.



Dolan would make a great senator

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By Judith Y. Brachman

Matt Dolan has taken a bold stance by entering the race for U.S. senator. He has a steadfast conservative record of carefully directing Ohio's money.

As the chair of the Ohio Senate committee responsible for our last two state budgets, he has kept a close eye on all state funds. In the final vote on this year's budget bill, he achieved overwhelming bipartisan support, with all senators but one approving it.

Having been a federal appointee under President Ronald Reagan and later serving for eight years in the cabinet of Gov. George Voinovich managing major agency programs, I identify with the importance of judicious oversight of taxpayers' money.

Dolan represents a long Ohio tradition of measuring public resources wisely, and would reflect principles established by our distinguished current Sen. Rob Portman.

Support for Matt Dolan will preserve Republican values and bring honor to our state in the United States Senate.



Republicans hoping to reclaim their party need to unite behind Matt Dolan's Senate bid: editorial

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Editorial Board

Anyone wanting to get the political pulse of the GOP race to succeed U.S. Sen. Rob Portman next year need look no farther than how the leading contenders reacted to the Cincinnati Republican's bipartisan infrastructure compromise [that could steer billions to Ohio](#).

They were against it.

And not just against infrastructure spending that Republican and Democratic presidents alike had long promised -- and a compromise bill crafted by Portman that 18 other Senate Republicans supported. The five most prominent announced GOP candidates seeking Portman's Senate seat went further. [They trashed it](#), cleveland.com's Andrew J. Tobias reported last month.

Portman had called the bill a "victory for the American people." Yet this "victory" was opposed by Josh Mandel, Jane Timken, J.D. Vance, Bernie Moreno and Mike Gibbons -- after former President Donald Trump said in a statement, "It will be very hard for me to endorse anyone foolish enough to vote in favor of this deal."

With those words from on high, what else could these candidates -- all slaving for Trump's favor and trying to out-Trump each other -- do than denounce a bill that would bring an infusion of federal dollars back to Ohio for critical programs? The bill's spending priorities include helping to preserve the Great Lakes, improve broadband access, help pay for long-overdue bridge and road repairs and drinking-water upgrades and fund scores of other programs Ohioans need.

Yet here's how did the leading GOP contender in the Senate race -- former Ohio Treasurer Mandel, a Marine veteran who got his start in politics as a Lyndhurst City Council member -- reacted to this promised boon:

"Now is not the time for bipartisanship in D.C.," Mandel said, as quoted by Tobias. "Now is the time for fighting the woke liberal agenda."

Anyone who knows a scrap about Portman knows he's about as far as it gets from having a "woke liberal agenda."

But Mandel, as Northeast Ohioans sadly have come to learn from his prior runs for office, will say just about anything to get elected. And unless something radical happens in this race, the well-funded Mandel is likely to sail to victory on the Republican side.

Yet there is hope for those who want to reclaim Republican sanity in Ohio and find a levelheaded candidate with some of the practical conservatism and can-do attributes of Portman.

His name is Matt Dolan and he has now formally entered the U.S. Senate race.

More than a month ago, Dolan was already calling out the five leading GOP Senate candidates for letting down Ohioans through their unreasoning opposition to a bipartisan infrastructure deal that Ohio so clearly needs.

"Those on the extremes who oppose this much-needed bill, either by linking it to an unrelated and unnecessary liberal wish list spending bill or by demanding ideological purity, are placing petty primary politics before the needs of our state," Dolan said in mid-August, as quoted by Tobias. "They are not listening to Ohioans and that's wrong."

Dolan is listening. The Republican state senator from Chagrin Falls long has been the go-to politician statewide to chair the powerful Ohio Senate Finance Committee during high-stakes budgeting.

And for weeks now, Dolan has pointedly been differentiating himself from the Trump acolytes now leading the pack of those seeking Portman's Senate seat on the GOP side.

That's why Dolan's Senate candidacy should be a call-out to all Ohio Republicans who hope to reclaim the soul of their party to step up and support him.

Dolan already has the strong backing of many in Northeast Ohio who know his ability to craft compromises and deliver on legislation for his constituents and all Ohioans, from the arts to education, property tax reform to balancing Ohio's books.

And the GOP landscape has shifted again. U.S. Rep. Anthony Gonzalez's surprise announcement that he's walking away from Congress rather than fight a toxic re-election battle that, if the Rocky River Republican won, would just send him back into the maw of a Trump-dominated congressional GOP, should be a wake-up call.

Too many in the Republican Party have been lured, or hijacked or co-opted to seek Trump's praise, rather than to prioritize needs of the folks back home. Do Ohioans really want to rely on a Sen. Mandel -- a man whose family includes Holocaust survivors yet who doesn't hesitate [to criticize the Anti-Defamation League](#)? A man who got caught [spending taxpayer money promoting himself](#) as Ohio treasurer?

The obvious answer to those loaded questions should be "No."

Dolan stands out among the leading GOP candidates hoping to succeed Portman as his own person. But to prevail over Mandel in the crowded GOP primary, Dolan will need broad statewide support, starting right here at home.

Those who care about the Republican Party's future in Ohio should not hesitate to step forward -- now, not later -- to back Matt Dolan's candidacy for the U.S. Senate. No time is to be lost.