



OPTA LEGISLATIVE BRIEF

136TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY

MEMBER INFORMATION

The legislators for Butler County RTA are: Sens. George Lang & Steve Huffman and Reps. Rodney Creech, Jennifer Gross, Thomas Hall, & Diane Mullins
The county served is: Butler



Sen. George Lang

Senator George Lang is currently serving his second term in the Ohio Senate representing the people of the 4th Senate District, which covers the majority of Butler County. He previously served two terms in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Senator Lang graduated from Southeast Missouri State University in 1985 with a major in Communications and a double minor in Marketing and Speech. Since moving to West Chester in 1990, he has been an active member of the community, including more than two decades in public service. After serving seven years on the West Chester Board of Zoning Appeals, he ran for and won the election for township trustee in 2003, where he served until being appointed to the House.

Following eight years spent in various sales and managerial positions at Procter & Gamble, Senator Lang left to start his own business in the financial services industry and has started numerous businesses since. Today, more than 100 people are employed by businesses he helped to create. In 2018, Senator Lang and several of his Senate and House colleagues created the Business First Caucus to help small businesses in Ohio thrive and become more successful. Since then, the Business First Caucus has grown to be the largest bi-partisan, bicameral legislative Caucus with a vast network of supporters including entrepreneurs and public and private organizations throughout the state.

Lang and his high school sweetheart, Debbie, have been married for 36 years. They have two daughters, Amy and Alicia, and live in West Chester.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Energy
- Finance
- Financial Institutions, Insurance, and Technology (Vice Chair)
- Small Business and Economic Opportunity
- Workforce Development



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Sen. Steve Huffman

Senator Huffman is serving his second term in the Ohio Senate, representing the people of the 5th Senate District, which includes all of Miami and Preble counties in addition to portions of Butler, Darke and Montgomery counties. He joins the Senate after two terms in the Ohio House from 2015-2018. He also was elected and served as Miami County Coroner from 2012-2015.

After graduating from Milton-Union High School, Senator Huffman attended the University of Toledo, where he earned a medical degree from the Medical College of Ohio (now the University of Toledo School of Medicine).

Senator Huffman has been a practicing physician for 32 years and he is currently employed by multiple emergency rooms throughout Western Ohio. He also served overseas in underserved regions for 18 months.

A lifelong resident of Miami County, Senator Huffman resides in Tipp City with his wife, Kathryn, and their five children.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Education
- General Government
- Health (Chair)
- Medicaid (Vice Chair)
- Workforce Development



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Rep. Rodney Creech

State Representative Rodney Creech is serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents the 40th District, which includes portions of northern Montgomery and Butler Counties and all of Preble County.

A long-time Preble County resident, Representative Creech was born and raised on his family's fourth-generation farm in West Alexandria. He attended Morehead State University where he earned a Bachelor's Degree in Agronomy and an area study in Turf Science. Shortly after graduating college, he started a small lawn care business that now has over 40 employees.

Representative Creech served as a Twin Township Trustee from 2008 to 2014 and served as a Preble County Commissioner from 2015 to 2020. Representative Creech resides on his family farm with his wife Jeanne and two daughters.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Agriculture (Chair)
- Commerce and Labor
- Local Government
- Public Safety



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Rep. Jennifer Gross

State Rep. Jennifer Gross is currently serving her second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 45th District, which includes West Chester Township, Ross Township, Morgan Township, and Fairfield City.

Gross is a 21-year Air Force veteran and retired Lt. Colonel, who served our great nation in Saudi Arabia during Operation Provide Comfort and in Sarajevo during Operation Provide Promise. Gross retired from the military in 2008. She is currently a member of American Legion Post 681 and VFW Post 7696, where she became the first active female inductee in February 2019.

Gross has been a Family Nurse Practitioner for over 18 years and a registered nurse for over 30 years. Prior to becoming an NP, she managed a three million dollar territory for Eli Lilly. She most recently participated as a sub-investigator for Operation WARP Speed developing treatments to help battle COVID-19.

Gross believes in strong public policy that supports Ohio business success, legislation which supports and protects the unborn and will uphold Ohioans Constitutional Freedoms. She resides in West Chester with her husband, Chris, and their two sons.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Community Revitalization
- Government Oversight
- Health
- Medicaid (Chair)



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Rep. Thomas Hall

State Representative Thomas Hall is serving his second term in the Ohio House of Representatives. He represents the 46th District, which encompasses eastern portions of Butler County including Monroe, Middletown and also the central portion of New Miami.

A Butler County native, Representative Hall graduated from Madison High School in 2014 and later earned bachelor's degree in Small Business Management at Miami University. He was elected to serve as a Madison Township Trustee in 2015 and was re-elected in 2017. At 25, he is the youngest legislator currently serving in the General Assembly.

Representative Hall previously served as a board member to Middletown Area YMCA and has held roles with United Way, Action Council and Butler County Township Association. He resides in Madison Township.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Energy
- Finance
- Government Oversight (Chair)
- Public Safety



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State Representative Diane Mullins is serving her first term in the Ohio House of Representatives. She represents the 47th House District which encompasses a portion of Butler County.

As one of the founders of Deborah's Voice, Representative Mullins is active in helping raise awareness for women's issues related to human trafficking, domestic violence and getting women involved in the political realm.

In addition to serving the people of her district, she is co-pastor of Calvary Church in Hamilton, Ohio where she serves with her husband Jim. She is also, most importantly, a wife, a mother, and a grandmother. It is her pleasure to serve the residents of Ohio's House District 47.

136th General Assembly Committee Assignments:

- Community Revitalization (Vice Chair)
- Medicaid
- Agriculture
- Public Safety

Rep. Diane Mullins