

## Senator Bob Peterson

17<sup>th</sup> Senate District

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As a farmer, business owner and former county official, Bob Peterson has devoted much of his time and attention to solving the challenges facing our communities. He now brings that same attitude and drive to the Ohio Senate as he works to improve all of Ohio. Bob represents the 17<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District, which encompasses Clinton, Fayette, Gallia, Highland, Jackson, Pike and Ross counties as well as portions of Lawrence, Pickaway and Vinton counties.

A farmer by trade, Senator Peterson and his family are the 8<sup>th</sup> generation of Petersons to farm in the U.S. Peterson raises corn, soybeans, wheat and livestock on his family's farm. He also has been active in the Farm Bureau in a variety of leadership positions, culminating to his position as Ohio Farm Bureau President for nearly five years.

In addition to his farming duties, Senator Peterson served as a Fayette County Commissioner for 14 years before being elected to the Ohio House of Representatives in 2011. He joined the Ohio Senate in 2012, where his knowledge and leadership have earned him a seat at the table on the issues that matter most to the families and communities of the 17<sup>th</sup> Senate District.

Peterson currently serves as the Chairman of the Ways and Means Committee and as a member of the Agriculture Committee, Finance Committee, Insurance Committee, Public Utilities Committee, State and Local Government Committee, Education Committee, and Finance General Government Subcommittee.

Senator Peterson has received numerous awards for his efforts in the Statehouse. Last General Assembly, he received the Watchdog of the Treasury award from the United Conservatives, and was also named an Ohio Farm Bureau Friend of Agriculture. Additionally, Peterson was named Legislator of the Year by the Ohio Pest Management Association for his work on House Bill 420 during the 129<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

Peterson received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University, and is also a graduate of its LEAD Program, an intense two-year agriculture leadership program that features extensive experience in economics, environmental issues and state and national political processes.

Senator Peterson and his wife Lisa are the proud parents of Sarah, Hannah and Todd. The family lives on their farm in Fayette County. They are active in church, 4-H, FFA and other community activities.

