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The Plain Dealer Endorses Dave Joyce for Congress

*'Experience and Independence' Earn Joyce Continued Support
from Ohio's Largest Newspaper*

PAINESVILLE –Following a recent [endorsement](#) from the Tribune Chronicle, today Ohio's largest newspaper and one of the top publications across the country, The Plain Dealer, [released](#) their enthusiastic endorsement of Congressman Dave Joyce's reelection campaign. The editorial board praised Joyce for his independent record of results, stating,

"The 63-year-old Chagrin Falls Republican has become both more assertive and more effective for his Northeast Ohio district....Joyce, a former Geauga County prosecutor, has played a key role in protecting Lake Erie and all the Great Lakes." **They continued**, "David P. Joyce's experience and independence earn our endorsement. We urge the voters of the 14th Congressional District to return David P. Joyce to Washington in the Nov. 3 election."

Established in 1842, The Plain Dealer currently serves more than 1.3 million readers across Northeast Ohio. The paper previously endorsed Joyce in 2018 and 2016.

In addition to an endorsement by the Tribune Chronicle, Joyce has also received endorsements from several prominent Ohio leaders and organizations, including Lake County Sheriff Frank Leonbruno, the American Nursing Association PAC, the National Federation of Independent Business and the National Wildlife Federation.

Read the full endorsement from The Plain Dealer [here](#) :

David P. Joyce in the 14th Congressional District

First elected in 2012 to represent Ohio's 14th Congressional District and reelected three times since, U.S. Rep. David P. Joyce [has grown in the job](#). The 63-year-old Chagrin Falls Republican has become both more assertive and more effective for his Northeast Ohio district, which encompasses all of Lake, Geauga and Ashtabula and parts of Cuyahoga, Summit, Portage and Trumbull counties.

Joyce, a former Geauga County prosecutor, has played a key role in protecting Lake Erie and all the Great Lakes by helping, he says, to persuade President Donald



Trump to drop his opposition to a Barack Obama innovation, the Great Lakes Restoration Fund. As senior Republican on the House Appropriations subcommittee that oversees the Interior Department, federal Environmental Protection Agency and Forest Service, Joyce is well-positioned to exercise his influence.

Joyce also exhibited a commendable independent streak by standing up to Trump in the president's attempts to discard the Affordable Care Act, voting "no" on 2017's crucial U.S. House attempt to repeal the law. That's significant, since Donald Trump drew 54 percent of the 14th District's vote in 2016.

Joyce is opposed on the Nov. 3 ballot by Painesville Democrat Hillary O'Connor Mueri, 43, a lawyer and Navy veteran making her first run for office. Mueri argues that Joyce is no environmentalist, saying the League of Conservation Voters gives him a lifetime score of 10% on its National Environmental Scorecard. (For his 2019 votes, Joyce's score was 21%).

In 2019, Ohio's General Assembly passed and Gov. Mike DeWine signed House Bill 6 requiring electricity customers to subsidize the Perry and Davis-Besse nuclear plants once owned by FirstEnergy Corp. The Perry plant is in the 14th District. A federal grand jury has alleged a \$60 million criminal conspiracy helped pass HB 6.

Mueri said nuclear power is a good way to produce clean energy, but that Ohioans "need to revisit the [HB 6] subsidies." Joyce said saving the nuclear power plant and its related jobs remains an important goal despite the questions that have arisen on the bill itself.

Mueri is a smart, energetic candidate but untested politically.

David P. Joyce's experience and independence earn our endorsement. We urge the voters of the 14th Congressional District to return David P. Joyce to Washington in the Nov. 3 election. Early voting begins next Tuesday.

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