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Congressman

A Leader in Congress

Congressman Oxley is serving his eleventh term in the House of Representatives and is Chairman of the new House Committee on Financial Services. He leads 37 Republicans, 32 Democrats, and 1 Independent on the Committee, which oversees Wall Street, banks, and the insurance industry. In addition to financial matters, Oxley has a long involvement with trade, telecommunications, and energy issues. A firm believer in market competition, Oxley draws on his business and financial expertise to advocate policies promoting personal savings, jobs, and economic growth.

Securing Our Financial Future

Finance and capital formation issues underpin the U.S. economy, and affect everything from business expansions to homebuyers seeking a mortgage. As Chairman of the Committee on Financial Services, Oxley is committed to: promoting competition that results in more choices and lower prices for consumers of financial products; making sure markets are healthy so that businesses have access to capital that creates jobs; protecting investors; ensuring the soundness of the banking system; and maintaining America's leading role in world finance.

The High-Technology Economy

Oxley believes that U.S. success in the information age is crucial to our competitiveness in the world and to job creation here at home. As Chairman, Oxley oversees the capital formation issues that affect both start-up and established high-tech companies. Oxley expanded consumer choice and innovation in telecommunications by spurring competition in telephone, cable, and satellite services. He has worked to promote the growth of the Internet, and to ensure that the Fourth District and Ohio are "wired in" to the high technology economy.

Fighting Illegal Drugs and Crime

A former special agent of the FBI, Congressman Oxley draws on his law enforcement background in his work on the issues of illegal drugs and crime. Oxley authored the Crime Victims Restitution Act, which requires all criminals convicted of federal crimes to make restitution to their victims. He is a national leader in the fight to prevent children from being exposed to Internet pornography.

Peace and Prosperity

Congressman Oxley is a fiscal conservative and works to reduce government spending and to manage responsibly the budget surplus. He promotes economic growth in Ohio by securing transportation improvements, encouraging the redevelopment of abandoned sites known as brownfields, and advocating free trade policies that increase exports.

Year after year, Oxley has earned legislative awards for his wise use of the taxpayer dollar, including: the Taxpayer's Friend Award from the National Taxpayers Union; the Guardian of Small Business Award from the National Federation of Independent Business; the Golden Bulldog Award from the Watchdogs of the Treasury; the Spirit of Enterprise Award from the U.S. Chamber of Commerce; the Sound Dollar Award from the Free Congress Foundation; the Jefferson Award from the Citizens for a Sound Economy; and the Friend of the Farm Bureau Award. The American Security Council has awarded him its National Security Award every year of his tenure in Congress for his advocacy of peace through strength.

Oxley is also the manager of the Republican Congressional Baseball Team, which plays against Democrats each year in a game that raises money for literacy instruction and other charities.

Personal Background

A resident of Findlay, Congressman Oxley served nine years in the Ohio General Assembly before coming to Congress as a result of a 1981 special election.

Born February 11, 1944, Congressman Oxley is an attorney by profession. He earned his B.A. from Miami University (Oxford, Ohio) in 1966 and his law degree from The Ohio State University College of Law in 1969. He is a member of the American, Ohio, and Findlay Bar Associations, and, in 1986, was admitted to practice before the U.S. Supreme Court. Congressman Oxley is a member of Rotary International, Findlay Elks, Ohio Farm Bureau, Society of Former Special Agents of the FBI, and Sigma Chi fraternity. He has staff experience with former Eighth Ohio District Congressman Jackson Betts, former Ohio Lieutenant Governor John Brown, and former Ohio Attorney General William Saxbe.

Congressman Oxley and his wife, Pat, are the parents of a son, Chadd.

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