

Members,

This past month was truly great for OAHU! Three chapter meetings were held that included 11 candidates running for the Ohio House of Representatives. All but three were incumbent legislators. These meetings highlighted several issues including Senate Bill 227 to require insurers to provide claims experience to groups of 50 or more employees. The current industry practice in Ohio is 100+ for this information. Transparency in Ohio healthcare and insurance as well as more state involvement in stabilizing the individual market were additional topics. We wanted these legislators, and by extension the leadership, to understand where OAHU is coming from on these issues. Mission accomplished.

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One of the candidates on the Columbus stage was our own Tim Barhorst. I heard many comments from CAHU guests that Tim distinguished himself among the candidates participating. He was even referenced a couple times by other candidates as their likely "go to" legislator on healthcare issues should he win in November. As I told you last month, I can't stress enough how important Tim's presence in the General Assembly next year would be for our association.

You can support Tim's campaign for FREE. Ohio offers a dollar-for-dollar tax credit for donations to Ohio Statehouse candidates, up to \$100 for married couples and \$50 for single filers. When you donate to Tim Barhorst for Ohio, you get a dollar-for-dollar credit in your donation amount off your 2018 taxes when you file in April.

Please <u>visit Tim's website</u> to read more about his background and goals at the Statehouse. You can support Tim by <u>donating here</u>.



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