

# Recovery Voices Count



## CANDIDATE PLEDGE

### **A Healthier and Safer America: Solving our Alcohol and Drug Problems**

Recovery from addiction to alcohol and other drugs is a real achievement for millions of Americans and thousands of Ohioans. There is hope for families affected by addiction, and for healthier and safer communities – if we treat addiction as the health crisis that it is.

Our failure to provide help to the over 21 million Americans who need it is costly to our nation and causes a host of other problems and illnesses – heart disease, lower work productivity, overcrowded jails and broken families. Access to recovery and support services should be readily available to all Americans who want it.

### ***If elected, I pledge to:***

- 1) Ensure coverage for equitable and effective addiction prevention, treatment and recovery care in all public and private health care plans
- 2) Fund addiction prevention, early intervention and research as an investment in America's future
- 2) Implement policies that promote long-term recovery from addiction as integral to overall health and end the criminalization of addiction
- 4) Prohibit discrimination against people in long-term recovery who seek a brighter future for themselves and their families through education, gainful employment, safe housing and health insurance.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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Return pledge by September 17, 2010 to **Ohio Citizen Advocates, PO Box 539, New Albany, OH 43054**.  
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