



## **Auditor Candidate**

**Taylor Sappington**

*Democrat*

### ***What programs and partnerships do you see between the Auditor's office and agriculture in Ohio?***

My name is Taylor Sappington, and I'm running to be Ohio's next Auditor of State. I was raised in rural Nelsonville, where I currently serve as the city Auditor, by my working-class single mom. She instilled in me the value of hard work and a sense of right and wrong.

After serving one term on Nelsonville's city council, I was elected as Nelsonville Auditor in 2019. On my first day as Auditor, I launched an investigation which led to the largest theft and fraud bust in our city's history— a theft of over \$400,000 by the previous deputy auditor over the course of several years— earning jail time and restitution for the city. Then, the IRS tried to levy penalties against the city for the theft, which I successfully negotiated down to just services paid to the debt, saving Nelsonville taxpayers hundreds of thousands of dollars.

After that, the poorly run census tried to downgrade Nelsonville from a city to a village. I led a city wide recount which determined that Nelsonville had enough residents to remain a city, which allowed us to keep our funding levels and saved our collective bargaining agreements with our union employees at the city.

I balanced the books and caught the crooks in my hometown, and that's exactly what I plan to do as your next Auditor of State. During a time of unprecedented corruption in the state, we deserve a watchdog with a proven record of busting up corruption in the Auditor's office.

As your next auditor, I'll work closely with you to ensure that the government is working efficiently and effectively when it comes to the needs of the agriculture community. I'll be an open ear to farmers and producers on the issues that are close to them.