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Portman Center honors Sen. Young and Sen. Hassan as bipartisan champions and launches Congressional Bipartisanship Scores Database

CINCINNATI, OH – The **Portman Center for Policy Solutions** at the University of Cincinnati is honoring Senator Todd Young (R-IN) and Senator Maggie Hassan (D-NH) with its Bipartisan Public Service Award for their efforts to work across the aisle in the U.S. Congress. Sen. Young and Sen. Hassan will be in Cincinnati on Tuesday, September 8 to receive the award and participate in a conversation with former U.S. Senator Rob Portman.

Concurrently, the Portman Center is launching its [Congressional Bipartisanship Scores database and website](#) to track and understand Congressional bipartisanship. The database spans over 40 years. It begins in 1983, and moving forward will be updated after the conclusion of each two-year Congressional term. The new resource measures bipartisanship on two metrics of bill co-sponsorship. It is the most comprehensive, transparent, and interactive scoring system to rank bipartisan members of Congress.

“I know firsthand that to get things done in Congress you need to work across the aisle. Maggie Hassan and Todd Young are two of the best bipartisan legislators, and our new ranking system verifies that. I’m delighted to be giving them the Portman Center’s Bipartisan Public Service Award.” - Former U.S. Senator, Rob Portman (R-OH)

Senators Hassan and Young will both debut in the top 5 U.S. Senators in their respective parties for the most recently completed Congressional session. Hassan is the most bipartisan Senate Democrat on attracting bipartisan legislative cosponsors, and Young is the 2nd most bipartisan Senate Republican by that measure, trailing only Susan Collins of Maine.

"The Portman Center is a place that elevates people who are doing solution-oriented work, and who are civic role models. With the Congressional Bipartisanship Scores we are excited to provide a public resource to expand our understanding of bipartisanship in the U.S. Congress. We hope it inspires more people to take on this important work." - Executive Director, Andrew Lewis

The **Congressional Bipartisanship Scores** were developed by the Portman Center in conjunction with two of its research affiliates, **Mackenzie Dobson, PhD**, assistant professor of Political Science at the University of Tennessee-Knoxville and **Jacob Lollis, PhD**, assistant professor in the School of Public and International Affairs at the University of Cincinnati. The full web resource can be viewed at uc.edu/bipartisanship.

Launched in 2023, the [Portman Center for Policy Solutions](#) encourages civility, bipartisanship and finding common ground to achieve policy solutions. This includes the promotion and development of future public servants from across the political spectrum who are committed to civility, open and inclusive dialogue, and bipartisan engagement. The Center aims to inspire students, faculty and community partners to grow as citizen-leaders who advance the public good, and through its mission, also intends to influence the national political climate at a time of growing partisanship and incivility.