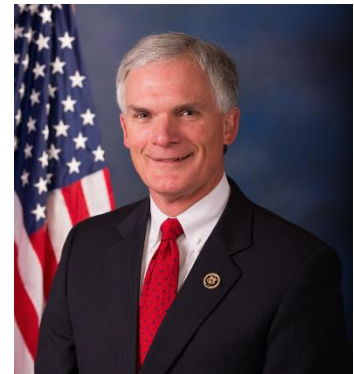




## Latta Drinking Water Protection Legislation Signed into Law

U.S. Representative [Bob Latta](#) (Dist. 5-Bowling Green) praised President Barack Obama's signing of [H.R. 212 - Drinking Water Protection Act](#) this week. Authored and introduced by Latta, the law amends the Safe Drinking Water Act to address algal toxins. The bill was co-sponsored by Ohio Representatives [David Joyce](#) (Dist. 14-Painesville) and [Marcy Kaptur](#) (Dist. 9-Toledo).



"The Drinking Water Protection Act, now signed into law by the President, is a major step in addressing the crisis Ohioans faced last year when microcystin contaminated public drinking water, leaving nearly 500,000 residents unable to safely use their water," he said. "As algal toxins continue to be a growing threat to public drinking water - not just in Ohio, but across the country - I authored this bill in order to begin addressing this problem," stated Latta.

Under the new law, the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency must form a strategic plan within 90 days to assess and manage risks of algal toxins. [Read more...](#)