



Dear Neighbor,

Happy August! As many of you know, Ohio held a special election on August 8th for Issue 1.

Issue 1 was an unpopular and undemocratic attack on the people and our sacred constitution. It would shred our founding document, it would end majority rule in our state, and it would snuff out the principle of “one person, one vote.”

Ohioans did their part to defeat Issue 1 to protect our freedom to determine our future. I could not be more proud with the turnout of this special election, thank you all for showing up and defending our State.

If there is anything my office can do please reach out to us by email at Rep20@ohiohouse.gov or by phone at (614) 466-7954. Please do not hesitate to contact my office with any questions, comments or concerns.

Sincerely,

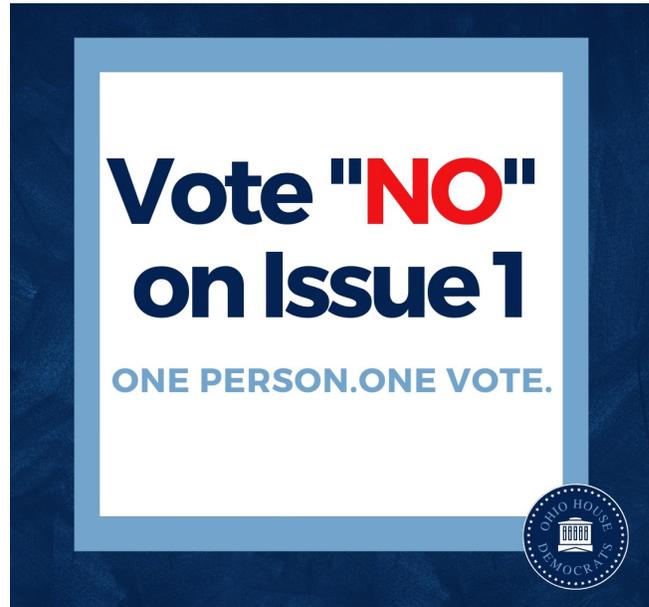
State Representative Terrence Upchurch



Ohio Defeats Issue 1

On August 8th, Ohio voted on Issue 1. When politicians fail us, ballot initiatives give us the freedom to make decisions that affect our lives. Issue 1 was aimed to destroy citizen-driven ballot initiatives as we know them, guaranteeing that only the wealthiest special interests could advance changes to our constitution.

We protected our freedom to determine our future. We protected our power as people, by making sure our voices were heard by voting “NO” to stop special interests from ending majority rule. Thank you for protecting our rights and the sacred principle of “one person, one vote,” instead of handing power over to out-of-touch politicians. #VoteNoInAugust.



New Bills!

New Legislation:

HB 218: Restore local authority to generally regulate firearm conduct

Joint Sponsors: Upchurch, Brewer

Currently in House Government Oversight Committee

HB 221: Expand postconviction relief for DNA showing actual innocence

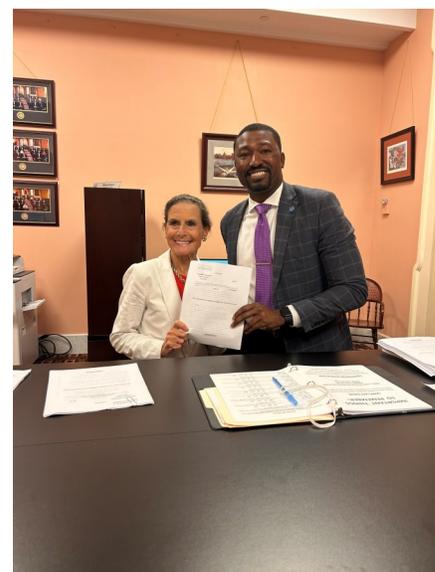
Joint Sponsors: Upchurch, Schmidt

Currently in House Criminal Justice Committee

HB 253: Designate the Brigadier General Charles Young Memorial Historical Corridor

Joint Sponsors: Upchurch, Holmes

Waiting to be introduced in the House





- \$10M/FY24 for the **Cleveland Foodbanks**
- \$75K/FY to support the Ohio Center for the Advancement of Women in Public Service at the Levin College of Public Affairs and Education at **Cleveland State University**.
- \$2M for **Cleveland Tower City**
- \$150K/FY for **Cleveland State University** for the Sullivan-Deckard Scholarship Opportunity Program.
- \$4M/FY24 for the **Cleveland Water Alliance Sustainable Water Technologies Initiative**.
- \$200K/FY for the **Friendship Circle of Cleveland**
- \$150K/FY for **NewBridge Cleveland Center for Arts and Technology**
- \$200K/FY24 for **YWCA of Greater Cleveland's** Early Learning Center.
- \$150K/FY24 for the **University Circle Inc.**, Circle Scholars and Circle Explorers Program.
- \$300K/FY24 for **Shoes and Clothes for Kids**.
- \$250K/FY24 for the **Foundry Row, Sail, Dream Program**
- \$4.5M/FY24 for **Say Yes to Education Cleveland**.
- \$1.2M/FY24 for **Birthing Beautiful Communities** in Cleveland
- \$3M/FY24 for **Cleveland Neighborhood Progress** for the Middle Neighborhood Investment Project.
- \$500K in FY24 for the **Cleveland Museum of Art**.
- \$500K in FY24 for the **Cleveland Orchestra**.
- \$500K in FY24 for the **Cleveland Museum of Natural History**
- \$600K in FY24 for the **Cleveland Institute of Music**
- \$250K/FY for **Benjamin Rose Institute on Aging**
- \$1M/FY for **The Centers in Cuyahoga County**
- \$5M/FY24 for the **Rock & Roll Hall of Fame and Museum**.
- \$250K/FY to **Y-Haven for Women in Cuyahoga County**
- \$300K/FY for the **Cleveland Rape Crisis Center**
- \$1M/FY for the **Cleveland Municipal School District**
- \$250K/FY for **Applewood Centers, Inc.**
- \$100K/FY for **Girl Scouts of North East Ohio**