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An Open Letter to the Portage County Republican Central Committee:

I write to request an opportunity for the Portage County Republican Central Committee to reconsider a censure of Rep. Gail Pavliga for abandoning the majority of her colleagues in the House Republican Caucus and joining all of the Democrat members to elect their candidate for House Speaker, Rep. Jason Stephens on January 3, 2023.

After the 2022 election, Republicans won 67 of the 99 seats in the Ohio House. If you thought a GOP super-majority in the House would guarantee the election of a conservative House Speaker and the implementation of the conservative issue agenda supported by an overwhelming number of Ohio voters, you were wrong.

Gail Pavliga – and 21 of her RINO Republican colleagues – betrayed us and joined the 32 Democrats in the House to elect the Democrats’ choice for House Speaker. Pavliga is a charter member of the infamous “Blue-22” – the renegades who irreparably divided our Republican super-majority in the Legislature and destroyed the ability of real Republicans in the House to enact a conservative transformation of Ohio government.

Gail’s betrayal of her conservative House colleagues and the conservative values so important to Portage County Republicans and Republicans across Ohio earned her a censure by the Ohio Republican Party on January 6, 2023. Josh Brown, the lead sponsor of the Ohio GOP’s censure resolution, has endorsed my campaign for state representative.

Gail’s betrayal – her treacherous decision to cast her lot with every liberal Democrat in the House to elect the Speaker – came with a heavy cost. Gail’s betrayal made it impossible to enact numerous conservative policies that would have substantially reduced taxes, improved education, eradicated Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from our college campuses, expanded gun rights, reduced spending, restricted illegal immigration and secured our elections.

When Gail was questioned by her colleagues about her betrayal, she said, “I could have never supported such a conservative agenda.” A truly outrageous statement from a person elected in two very close elections with the votes of loyal conservative voters.

Conservative voters in Portage County have loyally supported Gail Pavliga. Gail Pavliga has not returned that loyalty. Like many of you, I voted for Gail Pavliga twice. Gail betrayed me. Gail

betrayed all of you. That's why I am running to replace Gail Pavliga in the Ohio House. I couldn't not make this race.

It is critically important every member of the Portage County Republican Central Committee be aware of what conservatives lost because of Gail's betrayal and the irreparable fracture of the GOP super-majority in the House she played a leading role in facilitating.

For your thoughtful consideration, I've compiled a list of 22 conservative agenda items not passed by the Ohio House because of the mis-"leadership" of Speaker Jason Stephens, the Democrats' choice for Speaker, brought to you by Gail's betrayal and the Blue-22. These lost opportunities to enact good conservative policies in Ohio should make you very, very angry. Another way to look at this ignominious list is as the "22 Reasons Why Gail Pavliga Deserves to be Censured by the Portage County Republican Central Committee:"

1. The House failed to pass a phase out the state income tax, as nine other states have done.
2. The House failed to pass a flat state income tax; unlike many other states with flat income tax rates. Ohio still has a progressive state income tax.
3. The House failed to pass the "Backpack Bill" – the education reform plan that would allow state education money to follow a student to the school chosen by the child's parents.
4. The House failed to pass any welfare reform.
5. The House failed to cap property tax increases annually.
6. The House failed to pass an Environmental, Social and Governance (ESG) reform bill. ESG is the anti-competitive, radically liberal, woke investment strategy that disregards traditional metrics such as profitability for social justice objectives.
7. The House failed to pass school funding formula that is fair to rural and suburban schools – the current education funding plan is supported by the teachers unions and all House Democrats (i.e. all the folks who love the idea of Rep. Jason Stephens as Speaker).
8. The House delayed passing the 60% threshold to protect our state Constitution, that made it harder to do in August when the measure failed.
9. The House failed to pass any real new legislation to protect and reinforce the 2nd Amendment.

10. The House failed to pass any meaningful higher education reform bill to reign-in woke college campuses and guide students to in-demand jobs. Specifically, Rep. Pavliga joined the Democrats in voting against Senator Jerry Cirino's higher education comprehensive reform legislation in committee. Senator Cirino's legislation would eradicate Diversity, Equity and Inclusion from our college campuses.
11. The House failed to pass any significant occupational licensure reform.
12. The House failed to hold state spending to the rate of inflation.
13. The House failed to reduce the state debt of \$10 billion.
14. The House failed to prohibit men from entering women's bathrooms in schools.
15. The House failed to make the unemployment insurance fund solvent.
16. The House depleted almost \$7 billion of extra funds in the General Revenue Fund that could have reduced debt or went to cutting taxes further.
17. The House failed to pass any legislation cracking down on illegal immigration or invalidating sanctuary cities.
18. The House failed to pass any serious reform to the local government formula. Virtually no one can explain how it works.
19. The House failed to pass any reduction in the state bureaucracy – the House actually created new state departments.
20. The House failed to pass any legislation to protect Ohioans from vaccine mandates.
21. The House failed to pass any legislation to protect property owners further from eminent domain abuse by local governments.
22. The House failed to pass any legislation to stop Democrats from participating in GOP primaries – and Republicans from participating in Democrat primaries.

I understand the Portage County Republican Central Committee has a no-endorsement policy. I respect that. But I do feel it is important that Gail's constituents and my would-be constituents be made aware of what Gail's betrayal cost conservatives. Every Republican primary voter on March 19, 2024 should make an informed decision about which candidate seeking the Republican Party nomination for state representative will represent their conservative principles and values at the Statehouse in Columbus.

If elected, every member of the Portage County Republican Central Committee – and every conservative in Portage County – needs to know that I will be their champion. I will represent our shared values – every second of every day. I will never betray you. You can count on me to fight for you.

Today, I urge you to hold Gail Pavliga – a member of the “Blue-22” accountable. Next year, if I am given the honor to represent Portage County in the Ohio House, I am excited about the opportunity to accomplish the 22 conservative agenda items undone by the “Blue-22,” Gail Pavliga, the Democrats and their Speaker, Rep. Jason Stephens – and do even more good things for the people.

Let’s not squander the opportunity to reclaim the conservative mandate obstructed by Gail’s betrayal and the “Blue-22.” Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Heidi Workman", with a stylized flourish extending to the right.

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