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SEN. JERRY CIRINO ENDORSES HEIDI WORKMAN FOR PORTAGE COUNTY OHIO HOUSE SEAT

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ROOTSTOWN, OH – Heidi Workman, a conservative activist, registered nurse, small businesswoman, wife and mother, and Republican candidate for the Ohio House 72nd District in Portage County, today announced State Senator Jerry Cirino (R-Kirtland) endorsed her primary challenge to incumbent Rep. Gail Pavliga (R-Atwater). Senator Cirino was elected to the Senate in 2020 and represented and served all of Portage County until recent redistricting altered his district.

“As chairman of the Senate’s Workforce and Higher Education Committee, I’ve worked very hard to win passage of comprehensive higher education reform that, among other good things, would rein-in divisive Diversity, Equity and Inclusion policies at our public colleges and universities,” said Senator Cirino. “From the first day of her campaign, to her credit, Heidi Workman has been an active and vocal supporter of SB 83, my comprehensive higher education reform legislation. I appreciate Heidi’s advocacy for SB 83. Heidi is on the right side of the higher ed reform issue. That’s why I am proud to endorse Heidi Workman for State Representative in Portage County. She is a true conservative who will work as a team player for conservative policies.”

Senator Cirino continued, “The election of Heidi Workman in the Republican primary on March 19 will bring the positive change and the real reform we need – to higher education and the way things get done – or, too often these days, not done – in Columbus. We were able to move the higher education reform bill quickly through the State Senate but SB 83 has been bogged down in the House. I am confident Heidi will provide the leadership we need in the House to pass comprehensive higher education reform bills in the future.”

State Rep. Gail Pavliga voted against SB 83 in the House Higher Education Committee on December 6, 2023, *joining every Democrat on the Committee* in opposition to comprehensive higher education reform. SB 83 passed out of the House Higher Education Committee by a 7-6 vote. The bill was delayed due to Gail Pavliga’s “no vote.” Pavliga did not even ask questions about the bill during a House Higher Education Committee hearing when Senator Cirino provided significant testimony on the legislation.

“I guess Gail Pavliga is fine with our universities ‘woke’ approach to higher education, lack of diversity of thought and increasing tuitions costs,” said Senator Cirino. “It seems like she cares more about what the faculty unions think than taxpaying Ohioans.”

Workman said, “I am a great admirer of Senator Cirino and the work he has done to bring much needed changes to our higher education system. Senator Cirino’s endorsement of my campaign means a great deal to me. Senator Cirino used to represent much of Portage County. He has strong relationships with the community. Senator Cirino’s support is a huge boost for my campaign. I am very grateful to receive it.”

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