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— FOR REPUBLICAN STATE REPRESENTATIVE —



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**HEIDI WORKMAN: SPEECH TO THE PORTAGE COUNTY REPUBLICAN CENTRAL COMMITTEE**  
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Thank you, Amanda [Suffecool, chairman of the Portage County Republican Central Committee], for your service to Portage County.

My name is Heidi Workman and I am running for the Ohio House of Representatives in District 72.

Five years ago, I realized with shocking clarity that our freedoms in this country are no longer guaranteed. I was a registered nurse and small business owner at the time, working hard to raise my four children and provide them with a better future.

I wanted nothing to do with politics. At that time, we were experiencing COVID-19 pandemic lockdowns and I realized with shocking urgency that our constitutional rights were being overruled by a governing elite. Even now they have no intention to stop their egregious accumulation of power and control over us. Government – originally created of, by, and for The People – had vacuumed so much power that today it is a threat to our own safety and prosperity.

I pondered who would fight back for us and I knew then I could not stay on the sidelines. I was just a normal citizen from Portage County who realized, in order to preserve my children’s future, I had to enter politics where the fate of our nation was hanging by a thread. Who was going to fight for us if I was unwilling? I conquered all fear and burst through barriers to be able to run for office.

We’re in a situation where we can no longer act as if it’s politics as usual. We are witnessing an attack on the very fabric of what this nation was founded upon – the preservation of liberty, self-governance, and individual sovereignty.

I became a volunteer grassroots activist as the State Communications Director for an Article V non-profit organization and locked arms with 100,000 patriots across Ohio to limit the scope, power, and jurisdiction of the federal government. I testified in the Senate to raise the alarm and encourage our state legislature to engage in our effort. I was quickly recruited to the national team and served as the National Grassroots Media Director for that organization. I led 870 patriots in their efforts to support 5.3 million activists in all 50 states. My job was to equip, empower, and train the grassroots army fighting to take back our country and return power to the state and local levels and, ultimately, to each of you. I worked with state legislators from Hawaii to Virginia and Alaska to Florida with a laser focus on preserving our God-given right to live free.

I am a grassroots candidate with a fire in my soul to save my country.

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I believe in the words in the Declaration of Independence, we find these truths to be self-evident. All men are created equal. They are endowed by their Creator with certain inalienable rights. Among these are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness. To secure these rights, governments are instituted among men, deriving their just powers from the consent of the governed. I believe those we elect report to us and that is the glorious power of a free people.

I am here to reveal the truth of where we stand in Portage County in this race for state representative.

I am running for office because our current representative has betrayed us and sided with every Democrat in the House to choose their Speaker. You all know, by now, what that betrayal cost us. It earned Representative Pavliga a censure by the Ohio Republican Party. Just last weekend the Ohio Republican State Central Committee REFUSED to endorse her candidacy.

What you may not realize is that Representative Pavliga sponsored a bill in the Ohio House that uses taxpayer-funded federal voucher programs to build housing units across Ohio that, according to the Congressional Record, has no eligibility criteria to prohibit illegal immigrants from moving into these units. She is working to bring the border invasion to our backyards. Last November, President Biden vowed to build housing units for the illegals flooding our southern border. All this, while we watch veterans across our country being thrown out into the streets to house illegals.

It's important to realize that Gail Pavliga voted against SB 83, which would eradicate illegal Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion policies from our institutions of higher learning. She has not taken a stand to defend the Second Amendment Preservation Act, HB 51, and preserve our constitutional right to bear arms. She voted against medical billing transparency in HB 49, despite nearly every House legislator voting in favor. She voted to increase energy costs with HB 205.

Whose agenda is she pushing? My question tonight for each of you is, "who do you want to represent you?"

Someone who is sleepwalking the Democratic agenda through the Ohio House or someone who is new to the political scene with a proven record of fighting for freedom and the determination to see it through to passage in the Legislature and enactment into law?

We simply can't afford to let this corruption run rampant in Portage County. We have no time for deceit while our nation and everything we hold dear is under attack. I'm giving each of you the opportunity to raise your voice, stand with me, and seize your power at the polls.

I respectfully ask for your vote for state representative in the Republican primary on March 19<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you.

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