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HEIDI WORKMAN CALLS ON PORTAGE COUNTY GOP TO CENSURE REP. GAIL PAVLIGA

*Provides: "22 Reasons Why Gail Pavliga Deserves to be Censured;"
Says: "Gail's betrayal came with a heavy cost to the conservative agenda."*

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 released an open letter to the members of the Portage County Republican Central Committee urging them to censure 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.” Workman’s open letter to the members of the Portage County Republican Central Committee is attached.

Workman wrote, “Gail’s betrayal of her conservative House colleagues and the conservative values so important to Portage County Republicans and Republican 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.”

“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,” wrote Workman. “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.’”

“Gail’s betrayal came with a heavy cost to the conservative agenda,” said Workman.

Here are the 22 conservative agenda items stalled in the Ohio House because of Gail’s betrayal and the lack of leadership from Speaker Jason Stephens, the Democrats’ choice to lead the chamber, empowered by Gail’s treachery:

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.

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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
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 rein-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.

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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.

Workman wrote, “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,” wrote Workman. “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.”

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