

**A Resolution of Censure to Republican Representatives Who Voted
in Favor of Newly Elected House Speaker Jason Stephens**

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WHEREAS, Ohio Republicans achieved a majority of members in the 135th House of Representatives, with sixty-seven (67) members; while the Democratic Party achieved a minority of members, with thirty-two (32) members;

WHEREAS, on November 16, 2022 the Ohio House Republican Caucus elected Representative Derek Merrin (R-Monclova) to be the Republican Caucus nominee for Speaker of the House;

WHEREAS, on January 3, 2023, the 135th House of Representatives elected Representative Jason Stephens (R-Kitt Hill) with a unanimous vote of all thirty two (32) Democratic Party members and a minority of twenty two (22) Republican members, each of whom were part of the Republican Caucus that elected Derek Merrin as the Caucus' nominee;

WHEREAS, Representative Stephens swore in with Democratic Party Minority Leader Allison Russo (D-Upper Arlington) holding a Bible for him to swear upon;

WHEREAS, the twenty two Republican votes for Representative Stephens dishonors the vote of the Ohio House Republican Caucus, dishonors the historic brand of the Republican Party, and misrepresents the voice of Ohio Republican voters who collectively voted for these twenty two (22) members in order to defeat the dangerous and perverse Democratic Party Caucus agenda, not to empower it;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Ohio Republican Party State Central Committee ("ORPSCC") hereby CENSURES the following twenty two (22) Republican Representatives:

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| 1. Jason Stephens (Kit Hill), | 12. Mike Loychick (Bazetta), |
| 2. Cindy Abrams (Harrison), | 13. Kevin D. Miller (Newark), |
| 3. Monica R. Blasdel (Columbiana County), | 14. Scott Oelslanger (North Canton), |
| 4. Sara P. Carruthers (Hamilton), | 15. Tom Patton (Strongsville), |
| 5. Jon Cross (Kenton), | 16. Gail K. Pavliga (Portage County), |
| 6. Al Cutrona (Canfield), | 17. Bob Peterson (Washington Court House), |
| 7. Jay Edwards (Nelsonville), | 18. Tracey Richardson (Marysville), |
| 8. Haraz N. Ghanbari (Perrysburg), | 19. Bill Seitz (Cincinnati), |
| 9. Brett Hudson Hillyer (Uhrichsville), | 20. D.J. Swearingen (Huron), |
| 10. Don Jones (Freeport), | 21. Bob Young (Green), |
| 11. Jeff LaRe (Violet Township), | 22. Jean Schmidt (Loveland). |