

**A Resolution for Censure of the Republican Representatives  
Voting with Democrats for Ohio Speaker of the House  
Including Hamilton County Representatives Bill Seitz and Cindy Abrams**

Hamilton County Ohio Republican Party Central Committee  
February 2, 2023

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WHEREAS, Ohio Republicans achieved a majority of members in the 135<sup>th</sup> 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<sup>th</sup>, 2022, the Ohio House Republican Caucus elected Representative Derek Merrin (R- Monclova) to be the Ohio House Republican Caucus nominee for Speaker of the House;

WHEREAS, on January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2023, the 135<sup>th</sup> House of Representatives elected Representative Jason Stephens (R- Kitts Hill) with unanimous vote of all thirty-two (32) Democrat members and a minority of twenty-two (22) Republican members, each of whom were part of the Ohio House Republican Caucus that elected Derek Merrin as the caucus' nominee;

WHEREAS, Representative Stephens swore in with democratic minority party leader Allison Russo (D- Upper Arlington) holding a Bible for him to swear upon;

WHEREAS, the twenty-two (22) Republican votes for Stephens dishonors the vote of the Ohio House Republican Caucus, dishonors the historic brand of the Republican Party, and misrepresents the voice and betrays the trust 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 empower it;

WHEREAS, The Ohio Republican State Central Committee passed a resolution to CENSURE Republican representatives who voted in favor of newly elected House Speaker Jason Stephens;

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Ohio Republican Party hereby CENSURES and denounces the actions of the following twenty-two (22) Republican representatives:

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| 1. Jason Stephens (Kitts Hill),           | 12. Mike Loychick (Bazetta),               |
| 2. Cindy Abrams (Harrison),               | 13. Kevin D. Miller (Newark),              |
| 3. Monica R. Blasdel (Columbiana County), | 14. Scott Oelslager (North Canton),        |
| 4. Sarah 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).               |

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, the Hamilton County Ohio Republican Party issues a VOTE OF NO CONFIDENCE in Bill Seitz and Cindy Abrams.