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An Open Letter to the Ohio Republican State Committee

We know that every member of the Republican State Central Committee has been inundated by emails and phone calls regarding the current race for Chairman of the Ohio Republican Party. We understand that this is an important decision that no member of the Committee takes lightly. As County Republican Chairmen, however, we are respectfully urging that our input be thoughtfully considered by the Committee in making a final decision on this most important matter.

We not only believe that the views and sentiments of County Republican Chairmen ought to be considered by the Committee on such important matters as the election of a State Chairman, but that the Committee *and* most certainly the State Chairman ought to be absolutely *unwavering* in their support of all Republican nominees, at every level.

Clearly, though, this was NOT the case in the instance of our 2016 Republican presidential nominee, Donald J. Trump. Consequently, we are now in jeopardy of having the State Party be completely at odds with the new Trump Administration, as well as with the RNC itself. This is, quite obviously, an untenable if not wholly unacceptable situation which only you, the voting members of the State Committee, have the power to resolve.

It is with all of this in mind that we, the undersigned, are urging you to unite the State Party behind Jane Timken as our next State Republican Chairman. She has impeccable personal qualifications and unquestioned standing among the political, financial and elective leadership of our Party at the state and national level. As a geographically diverse mix of County Republican Chairmen from large, medium and small counties, we respectfully ask for the State Committee's support of Jane Timken in the secret balloting that will occur on January 6th.

Sincerely yours (in alphabetical order),

Carolyn Adams – Ottawa County GOP Chairman

Audra Bean – Champaign County GOP Chairman

Sandy Barber – Fulton County GOP Chairman

Keith Boales – Ashland County GOP Chairman

Chuck Calvert – Medina County GOP Chairman

Elayne Cross – Portage County GOP Vice Chairman

Paulette Donley – Highland County GOP Executive Committee Chairman

Brian Davis - Williams County (Outgoing) GOP Chairman

Rob Duncan – Huron County GOP Chairman

Charlie Frye - Ashtabula County GOP Chairman

Leslie Haas – Washington County GOP Chairman

Robin Hovis – Holmes County GOP Chairman

Steve Hall - Coshocton County GOP Chairman

Jon Hensler – Jackson County GOP Chairman
Helen Hurst – Lorain County GOP Chairman
Tim Inwood – Clinton County GOP Chairman
John Jones – Harrison County GOP Chairman
David Johnson – Columbiana County GOP Chairman
Steve Kryder – Henry County GOP Chairman
Randy Law – Trumbull County GOP Chairman
Tom Liebrecht – Putnam County GOP Chairman
Thad Lichtensteiger – Van Wert County GOP Chairman
Jeff Matthews – Stark County GOP Chairman
Nancy McArthur – Geauga County GOP Chairman
Mark Munroe - Mahoning County GOP Chairman
John “Bud” O’Brien – Miami County GOP Chairman
Dan Osborne – Morrow County GOP Chairman
Patti Rockey – Williams County (Incoming) GOP Chairman
Pere Seward – Monroe County GOP Chairman
Lowell Shank – Former Henry County GOP Chairman
Dean Sipe - Crawford County GOP Chairman
Sherman Stansbery – Wyandot GOP Chairman
Jason Stephens – Lawrence County GOP Vice Chairman
Lynda Smith – Clark County GOP Chairman
Keith Threewits – Darke County GOP Chairman
Dave Uible – Clermont County GOP Chairman
Doug Wills – Tuscarawus County GOP Chairman
Bryan Williams – Summit County GOP Chairman
Wayne York – Auglaize County GOP Chairman
Mike Young - Noble County GOP Chairman
Jerry Zielke - Paulding County GOP Chairman