

NOT POLITICAL?
NO PROBLEM.
IN FACT, IT'S PERFECT.



OHIO **NEW MEMBER** **ORIENTATION**



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HOW WE DO IT

OUR MISSION

Red Wine and Blue Team Ohio provides an inviting and actionable pathway to political literacy and civic engagement about common-sense issues facing suburban women.

We build community through approachable content, friend-to-friend organizing, and personal storytelling.



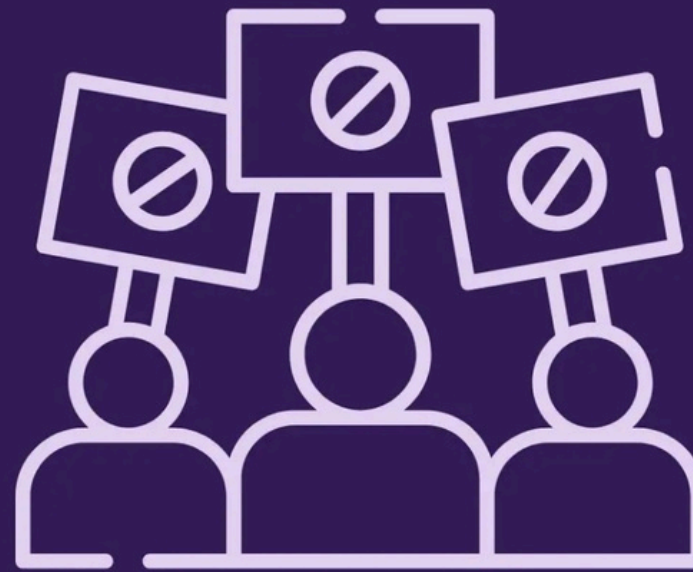
WHAT WE DO



**TAKING BACK
POWER:**
ELECTIONS & ADVOCACY



SHOWING UP:
PROTESTS, BOYCOTTS,
& BEYOND



**CARING FOR
EACH OTHER:**
MUTUAL AID & PROTECTION



WHAT WE'RE DOING

Red Tape or Equity Guardrails?

Federal Education Waivers Come to Ohio

Monday, June 1, 7:00 pm Virtual

Unhappy

HAPPY HOUR & WATCH PARTY

Join RW&B for conversation, drinks, snacks and a special viewing of

WHAT WE'VE LEARNED AND WHERE WE'RE GOING



Wednesday, June 24th, 2026 @6:00

YWCA 318 West Ave, Elyria, OH 44035

PEOPLE POWERED

How Ballot Initiatives Bring Change

Wednesday, May 27 7:00 pm Virtual

WHEN DATA CENTERS COME TO TOWN

We're hosting a panel on Data Centers in Hilliard

Covering the economic, environmental and community impact of data centers.

JUNE 25 | 6:00 PM
NORWICH TOWNSHIP HALL
5181 NORTHWEST PKWY,
HILLIARD, OH 43026

 
Michael McGovern, Innovation Ohio Emily Cole, Hilliard City Council

 
Hannah Halbert, Policy Matters Ohio Spencer Dirrig, Ohio Environmental Council

WALK THE TALK

ERIE COUNTY

From Birds to Ballots



MEET AT GATHERING GROUNDS @ 9:00 404 MAIN ST. HURON

THE FINAL COUNTDOWN!

OHIO GET OUT THE VOTE SOCIAL BANK

Watch on your computer
Bring a charged SmartPhone



MAY 03 | 6:30 PM | VIRTUAL EVENT

MAKE A DATE WITH YOUR BALLOT

PRIMARY EDITION

MONDAY, APRIL 20 7:00 PM ET VIRTUAL



WHAT IS FRIEND TO FRIEND ORGANIZING

The simple, proven concept
that people talking to their
friends and family is more
effective than strangers
talking to strangers.



Slides will be sent after session
Reach out to us at Ohio@redwine.blue

WHY IT WORKS

THE DATA SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

People trust someone they know more than a stranger or a political ad.

RWB's 2023 relational program increased voter turnout by 10.1% (over 8% here in Ohio).

That's a gamechanger—especially when local races are decided by just a handful of votes



2025 OHIO RWB WINS!

- Common-sense candidates won 78% of Ohio school board races targeted by RWB in 2025
- 76% of the RWB Ohio members who ran for office WON!
- Ohioans passed 57% of the levies we supported in 2025
- RWB's Ohio membership grew 19% in 2025
- RWB's Ohio Facebook group membership grew by 10%
- More than 3000 Ohioans joined the Red Wine & Blue App
- RWB raised over \$108,000 for Springfield organizations supporting Haitian immigrants
- Team Ohio held 185 events for our members - how many did you attend?

WHAT'S YOUR PLAN?

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OHIO'S MIDTERM ELECTION 2026

NOV 3, 2026

In 2026, Ohio ballots will include

- Governor, Secretary of State, State Auditor, State Treasurer, Attorney General
- U.S. Senate & House Candidates
- 99 Ohio House Candidates & 17 Ohio Senate Candidates
- 2 Ohio Supreme Court Candidates
- County Positions - Commissioners, Auditors, Treasurers, etc.
- Local Levies - Schools, Police, Fire, etc.

Key Midterm Election Dates

- **Oct 5:** Deadline to register to vote
- **Oct 6 - Nov 1:** Early in-person voting at Board of Elections (see hours below)
- **NOW through Oct 27:** request an absentee ballot. Requests must be returned to your Board of Elections by 8:30 pm on 10/27.
- **Nov 3 is Election Day:** Vote from 6:30 am-7:30 pm. Absentee ballots must be returned to the Board of Elections by 7:30 pm.

Early In-Person Voting Hours

Oct 6-9	Tues-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Oct 12-16	Mon-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Oct 19-23	Mon-Fri	8:00am - 5:00pm
Oct 24	Sat	8:00am - 4:00pm
Oct 26	Mon	7:30am - 7:30pm
Oct 27	Tues	7:30am - 8:30pm
Oct 28-30	Wed- Fri	7:30am- 7:30pm
Oct 31	Sat	8:00am - 4:00pm
Nov 1	Sun	1:00 pm - 4:00pm

Request Absentee Ballot



Voter Registration & Polling Locations





Contact us at: ohio@redwine.blue

Election Protection Information

Voting is one of our most sacred rights as citizens—but it's never been a right enjoyed equally by all Americans. Marginalized communities—people of color, people with disabilities, students, the elderly—all face obstacles when trying to access the ballot box. These are obstacles that are designed to suppress their vote.

We must be prepared to protect our neighbors and help them find a way to vote that would make them feel more secure—like mail-in or early voting—if they don't feel safe going in person. Going to the polls in larger groups adds another layer of security.

Fighting voter suppression doesn't happen only on Election Day. This is a year round fight—but one we can win!

If you need help related to voting, including on Election Day, contact the Election Protection hotline at 866-OUR-VOTE.

Want to learn more?

- Join an upcoming RWB Ohio event.
- Fill out our volunteer interest form and we'll be in touch!
- Check out the Red Wine & Blue App and our easy-to-use Rally tool. You'll get everything you need in one place!
- Join our FB group to find like-minded Ohioans near you!

Join us on our RWB App

RWB Ohio FB group

Volunteer with RWB

Find RWB Events Here

Voting Rights Website

Contact us at: ohio@redwine.blue

MY 2026 VOTING PLAN

Local elections are taking place nationwide this year. Are you ready? Look up who will be on your ballot at [vote.org](https://www.vote.org) or on your [state's board of elections website](#). Fill out this form to take to the ballot box with you!

HOW I'M VOTING

- ☐ Early Voting In-Person
- ☐ Mail-in or Absentee Ballot
- ☐ Election Day In-Person

WHEN I'M VOTING

Date: _____
Time: _____

WHERE I'M VOTING

Location Name: _____
Address: _____

OTHER DETAILS

- ☐ My voter registration is active
- ☐ I have an approved voter ID (if required in your state)
- ☐ I've scheduled a ride (details: _____)
- ☐ I've scheduled childcare (details: _____)
- ☐ I'm bringing these friends with me to vote: _____
- ☐ I've packed water and snacks

WHO I'M VOTING FOR

Race _____ ☒ I'm voting for: _____
Race _____ ☒ I'm voting for: _____
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Race _____ ☒ I'm voting for: _____

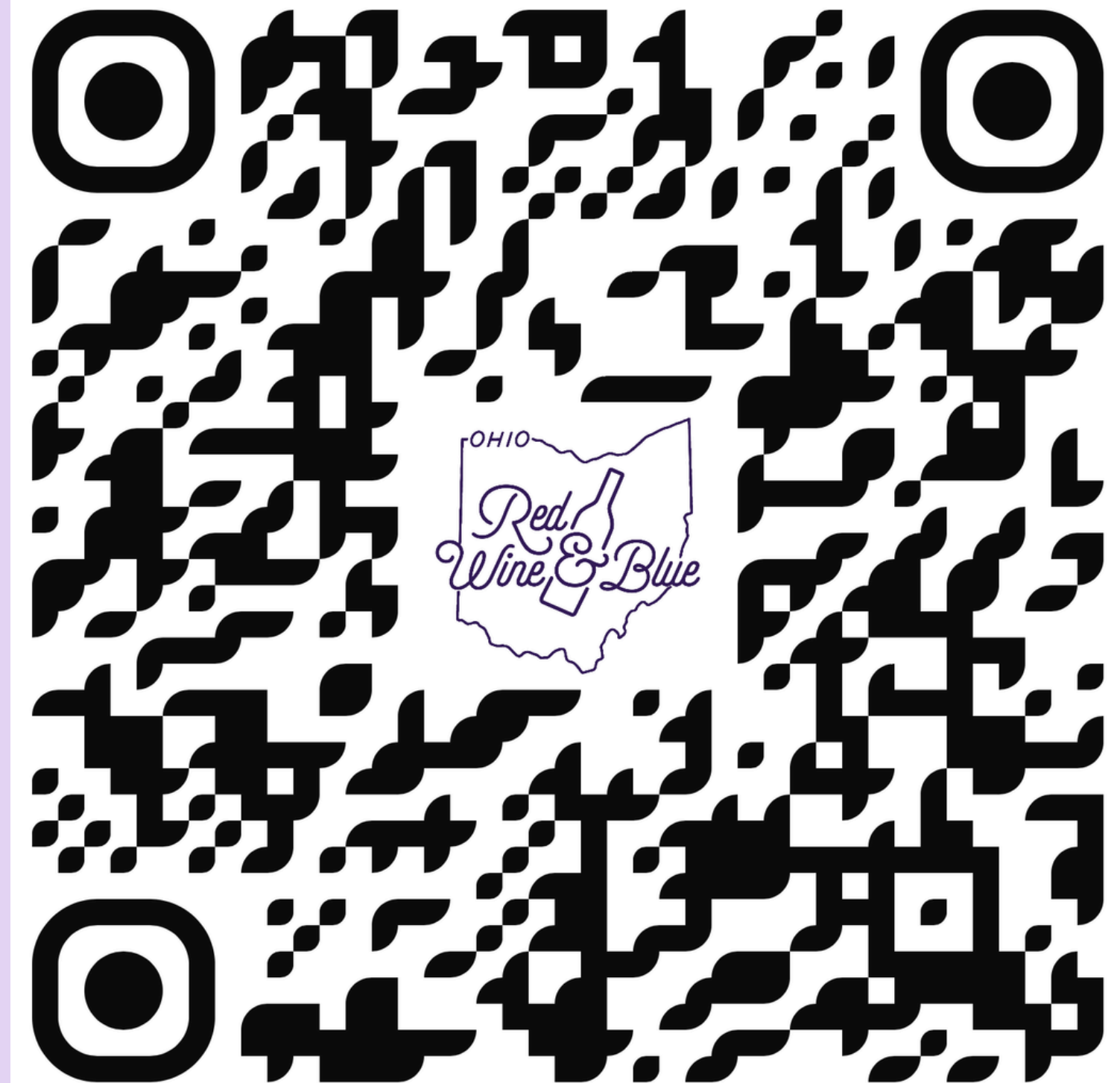
LOCAL LEVIES/BONDS/MILLAGES/BALLOT INITIATIVES

- ☐ I support / ☐ I don't support _____
☐ I support / ☐ I don't support _____

If you are in line when the polls close, be sure you stay in line and vote!



Learn more about the importance of local elections at redwine.blue





HOW TO FIGHT BARRIERS TO THE BALLOT

Voting is one of our most sacred rights as citizens—but it's never been a right enjoyed equally by all Americans. Marginalized communities—people of color, people with disabilities, students, the elderly—all face obstacles when trying to access the ballot box. Obstacles that are designed to suppress their vote.

In light of Supreme Court decisions, including *Louisiana v. Callais*, and extremist politicians attacking the right to vote more than we've seen since Jim Crow, ensuring we do everything we can to help ALL members of our communities vote is more important than ever. This worksheet will help you identify roadblocks and help voters overcome unjust barriers.

VOTING CHECKLIST: START WITH THE BASICS ALL VOTERS NEED TO KNOW

- ☐ Deadline to register: _____
- ☐ Are there voter ID requirements in your state? _____
- ☐ Polling location and hours – both on Election Day
and early voting period: _____
- ☐ Deadline to request a mail or absentee ballot: _____
- ☐ Date mail and absentee ballots are sent to voters: _____
- ☐ Deadline to return a mail or absentee ballot: _____
- ☐ Address to return a mail/absentee ballot or drop off a ballot : _____

Now let's work through several of the barriers different voters face—the extra steps they have to go through that many voters might take for granted. Putting yourself in their shoes can help us make sure everyone has equal access to the ballot.

VOTING WITH A DISABILITY OR ILLNESS

- Is your polling place accessible or are there obstacles (steep ramps, gravel parking lots)?
- Are there voting machines at your precinct that are accessible?
- What are your state's absentee ballot rules?
- If you have to present information or ID in person to be able to vote absentee, do you have a friend, neighbor, or relative who can help?

Voter Suppression Tactics: Many states have limited access to mail and absentee voting and now the federal government is attacking mail voting with an illegal executive order. Some states have even tried to **criminalize** having a person assist a disabled voter at the polls.

VOTING WITHOUT RELIABLE TRANSPORTATION

- What are the local services that provide rides to the polls?
- Do public transportation services or local ride-share companies provide fare-free days on election day? If so, which ones?
- For states with drop-off ballot boxes, are you allowed to have someone drop off your ballot for you?





Rally Together - Ohio

Elections are decided by the people who show up, and many are decided by just a handful of votes. Before you help your friends and family make a plan to vote, make sure your own registration is up to date. Check your voter registration below to get started.

Legal First Name *

Smith

Last Name *

Sage

[I go by a different name](#)

Address *

1475 W Gray St

Email *

you@example.com

Enter your email to receive updates and information about upcoming elections.

Phone number *

go.rally.win



Select your voter record

Names and locations come from the public voter file.

✓ Match found

LAURA MULLEN | AGE 57
~~Reese Common Dr, Brunswick~~ick, OH

Democrat

This is me

NOT FINDING YOURSELF?

Not to worry. Keep going without a match or search again with different info.

Continue without match

[Search with different info](#)

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Menu

LM

Laura Mullen

No Vote Status Recorded Yet

Voter Details

✓ You are a voter in OH.

VOTER STATUS

Active

PARTY

Democrat

REGISTERED AT

~~Reese Common Dr, Brunswick~~, OH

Medina County

VOTING RECORD

2025 ✓

2024 ✓

2023 ✓

CONGR. DISTRICT

7

STATE SENATE DISTRICT

22

STATE HOUSE DISTRICT

67

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All contacts

0 contacts

Build your contact list

Add someone you know or share your referral link to bring new people in.

+ Add contact

[+ Add contact](#)

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[Back to contacts](#)

See if they're a voter

Add a friend or family member to see if they're registered.

Legal First Name

Last Name

[They go by a different name](#)

City

State



Age range

13-17

18-29

30-39

40-49

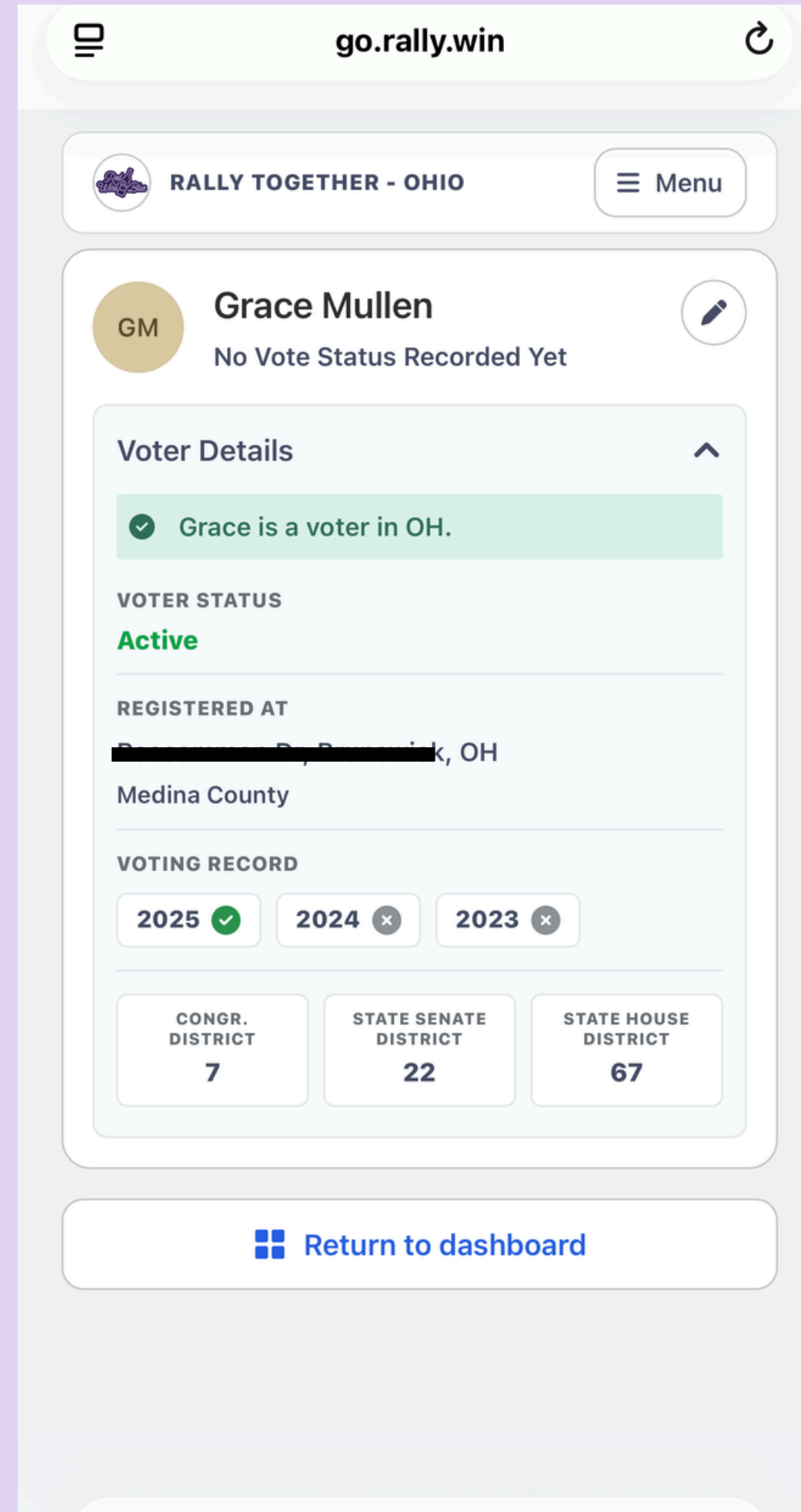
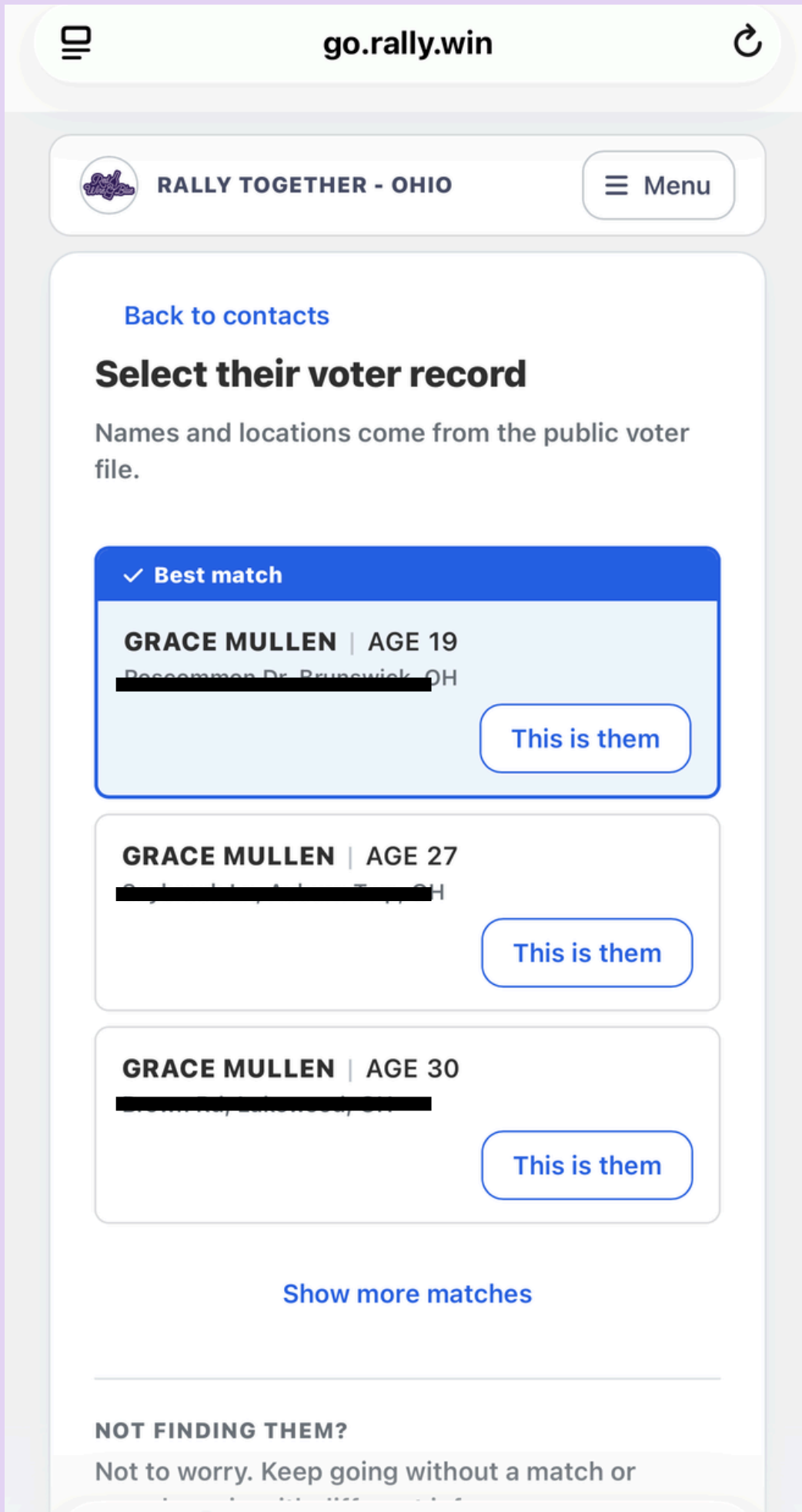
50-59

60-69

70-79

80 or older

Check their registration



VOTER PROTECTION SUGGESTIONS

- **Register voters**
- **Vote Early in person**
- **Help friends & Family vote**
- **Be a Poll worker on Election Day**
- **Be a Poll monitor on Election Day**
- **If you have Legal experience - be a rover**
- **866-OUR-VOTE**



WHAT ARE YOUR ISSUES?

AFFORDABILITY

PUBLIC EDUCATION

DATA CENTERS

FLOCK CAMERAS

DEMOCRACY

HEALTH CARE ACCESS

FOOD SAFETY

CORRUPTION

WHERE CAN WE MAKE AN **IMPACT?**

VOTING RIGHTS ON THE BALLOT

nextgen

cleveland19.com

Ohio voter ID amendment is officially headed to the November ballot



Voters in Lucas County cast their ballot on May 5, 2026.
(WTVG)

By [WTVG Staff](#)

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COLUMBUS, Ohio (WTVG) - On August 4, the Ohio Ballot Board [approved](#) language for Issue 3, the voter ID constitutional amendment that will [appear](#) on the November [ballot](#).

It will ask voters whether Ohio should [enshrine](#) its photo ID requirement to vote into the state's constitution. It's Ohio's only statewide ballot issue in 2026.

Ohio does already require a photo ID to vote in person. Lawmakers say putting the change in the constitution makes it harder to reverse course in the future.

LEGISLATIVELY INITIATED BALLOT INITIATIVE

ISSUE 3

WHERE CAN WE MAKE AN **IMPACT?**

GOVERNOR & LT GOVERNOR

OHIO STATE SUPREME COURT

SECRETARY OF STATE

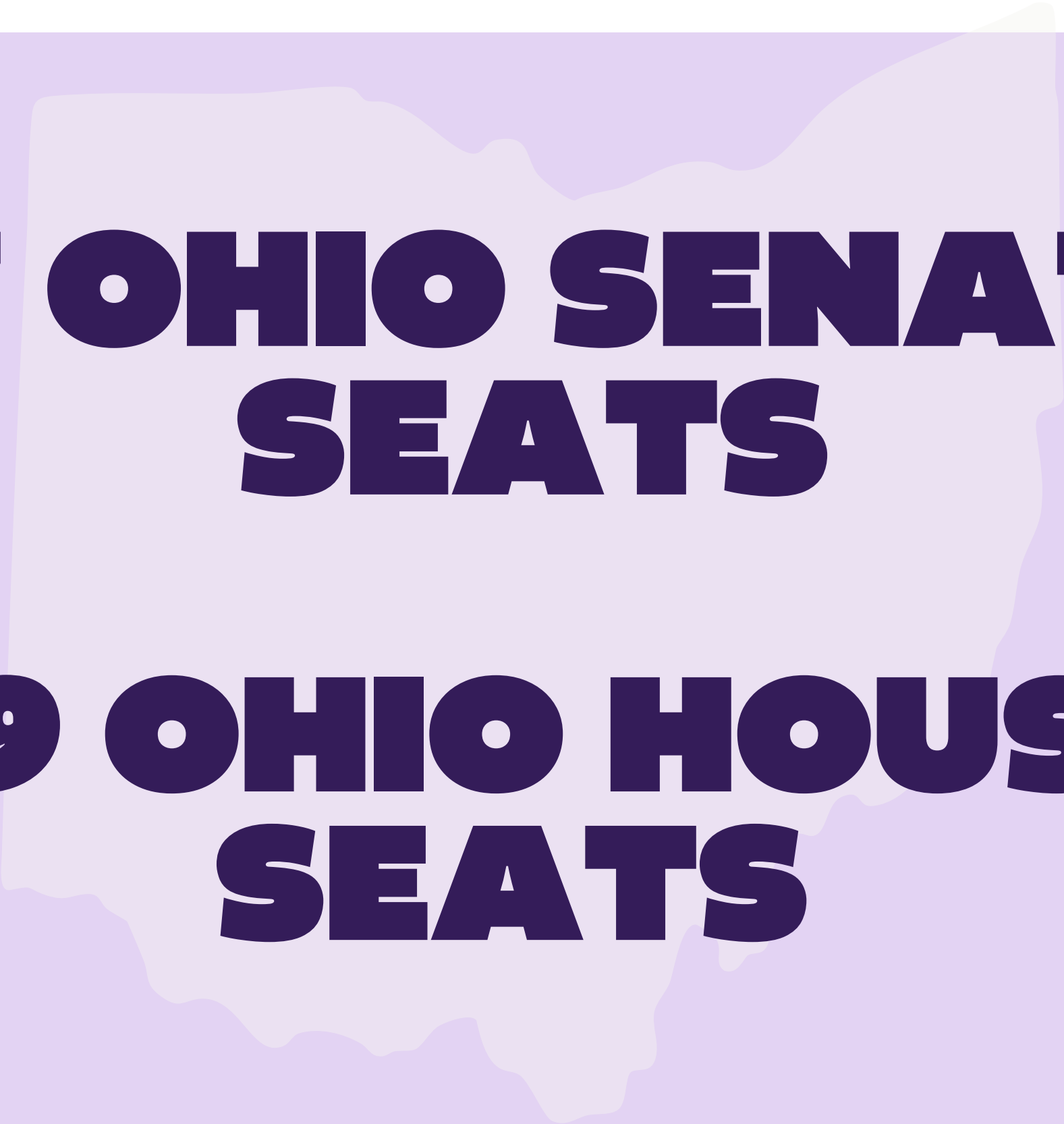
ATTORNEY GENERAL

TREASURER

AUDITOR



WHERE CAN WE MAKE AN **IMPACT?**



**17 OHIO SENATE
SEATS**

**99 OHIO HOUSE
SEATS**



SEATS

WHERE CAN WE MAKE AN **IMPACT?**

WHAT'S ON YOUR BALLOT?

Levies? Bonds? Local Issues?

WHO ARE YOUR CANDIDATES?

- **How do they align with your values?**
- **Where do they stand on issues that matter to you?**

THE 2026 COMMITMENT



Download the App



Connect with an Organizer



Organize YOUR friends



Host a house party to keep the momentum

THE 2026 COMMITMENT



**Sign the commitment
to join us**



MAKE YOUR CONNECTIONS

RWB APP

RWB OHIO FACEBOOK PAGE

ASSETS & ACTIONS

WE NEED YOUR

COMMITMENT

- Get into the RWB app
- Use the Rally Campaign
- Talk to friends about issues & competitive races
- Record your impact in Rally
- Share information on social media

**ALL OF THESE THINGS
MAKE A DIFFERENCE
IN ELECTIONS**

What's an RO and how can they help you?

RO - or Regional Organizer - is a RWB role that supports our members in the field

ROs are full-time, year-round employees of Red Wine & Blue.



Team Ohio has four ROs who are here to help however they can.

What can an RO do for you? Let's take a look...

How can Regional Organizers help you?



- Meet 1:1 to answer questions, get more involved, and support
- Be a guest speaker for groups or events
- Help you host house parties to spread the word of RWB, local issues, and elections
- Connect with coalition partners and their opportunities
- Contribute Rally actions
- Connect to or start a RWB Network group
- And more! Just ask **ohio@redwine.blue**

★ **Issue Awareness**

★ **Public Pressure**

★ **Accountability**

★ **Elections**



IMPACTING OHIO GOVERNMENT

Slides will be sent after session
Reach out to us at Ohio@redwine.blue



**FIND YOUR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE**



**FOLLOW YOUR STATE
REPRESENTATIVE**



CALL STATE LEGISLATORS



FIND YOUR STATE REPRESENTATIVE



[HTTPS://WWW.LEGISLATURE.OHIO.GOV/](https://www.legislature.ohio.gov/)



FIND YOUR STATE SENATOR



[HTTPS://WWW.OHIOSENATE.GOV/](https://www.ohiosenate.gov/)



CALL STATE LEGISLATORS

- This is not like calling DC. You can actually build a relationship with the legislative aide that you talk to!
- There is only 1 phone line per legislator - they **WILL** get your message!
- You **CAN** call legislators in districts where you do not live



Some examples:

- Call committee chairs and say, “I’m calling about this bill in your XXXXXX Committee.”
- Call the Senate President, House Speaker, or the Majority Floor Leader (person who sets the voting agenda)
- It will always be MOST effective to call your own legislators
- **So if you are calling your own legislator, let them know!**
- **Don’t forget to call the legislators doing good work!**

RESOURCES

RWB RESOURCES

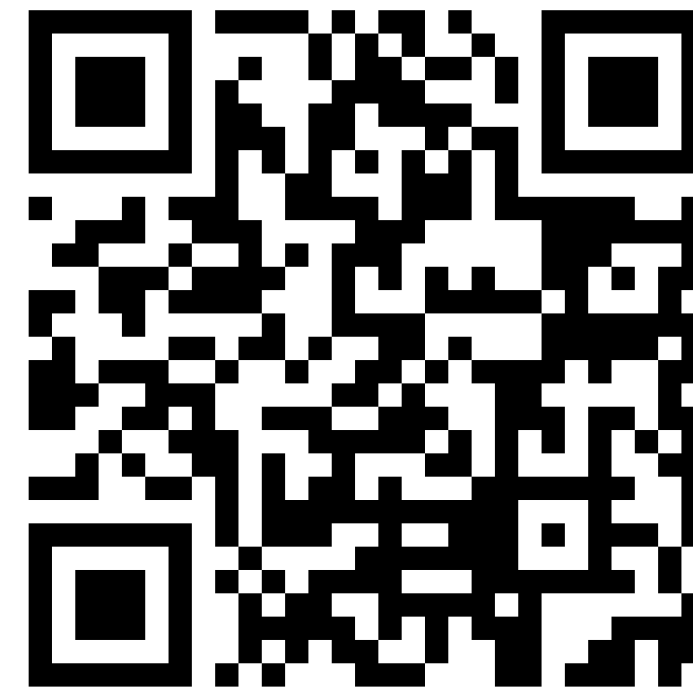
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OHIO EVENTS



Any Questions?