



February 17, 2021

Dear Fellow Republicans,

With the announcement that Senator Rob Portman will not be seeking re-election, all eyes, both locally here in Ohio and nationally, have turned to this open US Senate seat. As I am sure most of you would agree, our country is at a crossroads. The Democrats currently control all branches of our federal government, and our very rights and freedoms are at stake. Democrats in Washington have already moved aggressively to undue all the good policies President Trump has put in place. It won't be long before our 2nd Amendment is once again challenged, our borders are opened, and the very freedoms you and I hold dear are put in jeopardy.

The good news though is that voters here in Ohio have an unprecedented opportunity to claim the future direction of our party and its candidates. Now, with a united front, we fight against the liberal agenda of the radical left.

It begins, however, with allowing "We the People" to decide our party's nominees free and clear of interference from a select few political insiders. If we are going to keep this seat Republican, we need to put our trust in our Republican electorate, the same electorate that gave President Trump victories over Hillary Clinton and Joe Biden.

In the upcoming weeks, Members of the Ohio Republican Central Committee will choose a new Party Chairman. This new Chairman will have the essential task of electing Republicans in 2022, including a new United States Senator and a new Chief Justice of the Ohio Supreme Court. Ensuring victory for those seats and winning on all levels in 2022 requires unity amongst all Republicans. It means allowing ALL Republicans to decide the nominees without interference, endorsement, and assistance from the select few members of the Ohio Republican Party's State Central Committee during the primary cycle.

Therefore, I am asking all Members of the Ohio Republican Party Central Committee, Potential State Party Chairmen, Republican Primary Candidates for Elected Office, County Republican Party Chairmen, and Republican voters to join me in a call for a primary free of state party endorsements. Together, we the people will elect the candidates best positioned to win against the Democrats.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Michael E. Gibbons". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Mike Gibbons