

Dear President Trump,

We, the undersigned leaders of the Republican Party in Ohio (County GOP Chairs and Ohio GOP State Central Committee Men and Women) are writing to urge you not to endorse JD Vance as has been reported by national news outlets.

Those of us on this letter have not all endorsed or supported any one candidate for US Senate, rather this group represents supporters of multiple candidates, with the notable exception of JD Vance.

Ohio Republicans have supported your efforts in 2016 and in 2020 and helped to deliver Ohio for you by over 8 points each time. We know there are many qualified candidates in this race who have stood up for the America First agenda over the years and have carried the Trump mantle over the years, again with the notable exception of JD Vance.

While we were working hard in Ohio to support you and Make America Great Again, JD Vance was actively working against your candidacy. He referred to your supporters as “racists” and proudly voted for Evan McMullin in 2016. Importantly, JD Vance is not a registered Republican. To have someone who has not voted in a Republican primary carrying the mantle for the party is troubling.

With only a few short weeks until Election Day, an endorsement that cuts against your support and legacy in Ohio will only serve to confuse or upset voters. While primaries are a difficult process at times, they are necessary for our Democracy, and we are confident that a true America First candidate will be victorious on May 3, 2022.

We do not support JD Vance for the aforementioned reasons and would urge you not to endorse anyone in this race. Beyond any primary election concerns we have with Vance, there is also a real concern that his previous statements about you will work to suppress the turnout of the Republican base in the general election, further risking a Republican majority in the US Senate.

Below are comments made by Vance about you:

- “Trump is exploiting something but he’s also leading the white working class to a very dark place.”
- “What Trump is, is another opioid.”
- Trump’s actual policy proposals, such as they are, range from immoral to absurd.”
- Vance said he wanted Hillary Clinton to win the General Election, teased voting for Clinton himself and ultimately voted for Never Trump candidate Evan McMullin:
  - “I think there’s a chance, if I feel like Trump has a really good chance of winning then I might have to hold my nose and vote for Hillary Clinton I might vote for this new guy who I really like Evan McMullin... I can’t stomach Trump, I think that he is noxious and is leading the white working class to a very dark place.”
  - “I hope that [Trump] is soundly defeated.”

Ohio has a good track record of electing conservative leaders. Trust our voting electorate to send another fighter to the US Senate. We appreciate your time and attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

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