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ISSUES 1, 2, & 5 VICTORIOUS
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Thank you to the voters of Cuyahoga County and Ohio for a monumental victory yesterday. Especially to the more than one thousand party volunteers whose efforts helped make this possible. The passage of Issue 1 is a landmark moment in the history of our state and an incredible step forward for women and reproductive rights generally. The tears in the eyes of so many last night was bittersweet justification of all that we achieved.

Since the draconian Dobbs decision in June of 2022 sent shockwaves through the hearts of women and all who love freedom, Democrats around the country have rallied around the cause of reproductive freedom. Yesterday, those efforts were vindicated in the Buckeye state and Cuyahoga County led the way with the highest percentage of Yes votes with 74.4%. Any Democrat who still questions the salience of the abortion issue benefitting the party should take another look at that number.

For the Cuyahoga County Democratic Party (CCDP), today's victory is the climax of an eight-month fight to get reproductive rights on the ballot. One that began in March and produced an astounding 24,000 signatures from the CCDP alone to place Issue 1 on the ballot.

Additionally, the CCDP was exceptionally proud to endorse both Issue 2, the Regulate Marijuana Like Alcohol initiative, and Issue 5, which strengthens the dynamic work Cuyahoga Community College does for our county's residents.

Make no mistake, today's Republican party leaders are not ones who believe in fairness nor in accepting the will of the voters. So, we must remain ever vigilant in the face of their destructive indifference. There is much work to be done, particularly in the city of Cleveland itself, but we're ready to re-elect Senator Sherrod Brown next year and continue the march toward a fairer and more equitable society where the needs of the many are prioritized over the desires of the few.

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