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Re: Battleground Ohio—the Ohio Supreme Court

Dear Friend,

Ohio plays such an important role in American politics. A perennial battleground, ***Ohio figures prominently*** in almost every presidential election. Today, the stakes are even higher.

That's because Ohio is not just the frontline of the race for the White House: there's also a fight for the Ohio Supreme Court. **With that court's conservative majority up for grabs in 2020, every conservative voter in Ohio must join the fight.**

That is why I am writing to you today to tell you about Justice Judi French and explain why outside forces are so bent on defeating her.

You may know that, after serving as a justice for the past seven years, **Judi is running hard for reelection.** What you may not know is that she faces not only a liberal opponent, but also well-funded left-wing interest groups from outside Ohio. All these liberal forces are laser-focused on one issue – ***redistricting***. Let me explain.

After this year's Census, Ohio's legislators will ***redraw the lines of state and Federal legislative districts***. They'll follow the Ohio Constitution's strict, nonpartisan guidelines for ensuring that every vote counts. And when the inevitable legal challenge comes, the Ohio Supreme Court will decide ***whether those lines are constitutional***.

But ***liberal interest groups from outside Ohio*** have a different agenda. They want those lines drawn to ***benefit liberal Democrats***. And if they can't control Ohio's legislature to do that, then ***they want to control the Ohio Supreme Court***.

This is not wild speculation: simply Google "Eric Holder" and "redistricting" and you'll find all you need to know about ***the Democrats' plan***.

In their official organization papers for the National Democratic Redistricting Committee, ***President Barack Obama*** and former Attorney General ***Eric Holder*** said the group's goal is to "to favorably position Democrats for the redistricting process through 2022." In other words: draw lines to elect more Democrats to Congress and the Ohio legislature.

And with ***backers like George Soros***, this effort has serious financial muscle.

So far, Obama, Holder, and the NDRC have raised over \$50 million to funnel into key state races in order to turn the tide of redistricting. So Judi faces a mountain of cash on the other side. **This is a real threat to Ohio, and if Judi is defeated for reelection, it will have national ramifications.**

In the end, this isn't about party lines. It's about *choosing a judge* who will make decisions based on unbiased, conservative principles, a judge who will apply strictly the law as it is written and not legislate from the bench. **Judi French is that candidate.**

There's no debate that Judi is **the best qualified** to represent you on Ohio's highest court. She has *dedicated her career to public service* for more than two decades, serving as a lawyer for a state agency, assistant attorney general, chief counsel to the Governor, and, for the past 15 years, a judge.

As an assistant attorney general, **Judi represented the State of Ohio before the U.S. Supreme Court—twice.** She **defended Ohio's school voucher program** and helped ensure equal educational opportunities for all Ohio students.

As a justice, Judi has distinguished herself as a **hard-working conservative with a heart for service.** She has a passion for equal justice and never tires of finding ways to make our judicial system more accessible to everyone.

Judi French is someone you can trust to respect and uphold the law as a justice on the Ohio Supreme Court. **She needs your help today.**

Please contribute to Judi's campaign. She's working hard every day to earn a victory this November. With your help, we'll make sure she wins. Please give at the amount listed on your included donation form or whatever you can. Every contribution helps.

I don't often lend my name to statewide races, but ***Judi French's race is too important.*** Please support her—with your gift today and your vote Election Day. Thanks for your consideration of this fine conservative judge, and let her hear from you **today.**

Sincerely yours,



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