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## **FRATERNAL ORDER OF POLICE OF OHIO ENDORSE FRIENDS OF LAW ENFORCEMENT FOR 2022 ELECTIONS**

*Independence, OH* –The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio (FOP) today announced endorsements for statewide races in the 2022 Ohio general election. The FOP membership received recommendations from the screening committee and then voted on the endorsements during its annual conference.

Ohio FOP President Gary Wolske said the eight endorsed candidates share the FOP's values and will stand for officers and their families.

"We enjoyed a robust process this year with candidate screening interviews and a lot of internal debate about how to proceed," Wolske said. "The candidates selected proved their commitment to law enforcement and we look forward to supporting them during the election and working with them on important issues at the state and federal level moving forward."

The candidates endorsed include:

J.D. Vance for United States Senator  
Mike DeWine for Governor  
Frank LaRose for Secretary of State  
Keith Faber for Auditor  
Scott Schertzer for Treasurer  
Sharon Kennedy for Supreme Court Chief Justice  
Pat DeWine for Supreme Court Justice  
Pat Fischer for Supreme Court Justice

There was no endorsement in the race for attorney general.

Wolske said that certain issues rose to the top including the court's decision in the *DuBose* case, which suggested that public safety shouldn't be a consideration when determining bail.

"We want people who are going to support law enforcement at all times and not just when it's convenient for them," Wolske said. "It's important because of the vital issues like bail reform – the FOP strenuously opposes the court's decision in *DuBose*. But it's also important for FOP members to get help on union priorities like coverage for PTSD and pension reform."

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*The Fraternal Order of Police of Ohio is Ohio's largest law enforcement union. They represent over 23,000 sworn officers and advocate for law enforcement on a variety of issues.*