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Chairman Bob "Cheater" Paduchik Delivers Pathetic Victory for Mike DeWine!

The Ohio Republican Party (ORP) finally managed to manipulate an endorsement for flailing Mike DeWine for reelection at the February 18, 2022 Republican State Central Committee meeting after failing 3 previous times in 2021: May, September, and December.

ORP Chairman, Bob "Cheater" Paduchik set a new record (low) by willfully ignoring ORP rules by closing the meeting to the public, and arbitrarily refusing to admit media representatives who had attended past meetings.

All this to endorse a historically unpopular administration, led by an elderly former Senator whose arbitrary, arrogant policies did untold damage to Ohioans health, education, and small businesses. Which unfortunately sounds uncomfortably similar to another elderly, failing former Senator promoting the same ideas in Washington DC.

After the year-long battle against their own Republican Base, in which the ORP Establishment had the power, the money and the influence, Mike DeWine "won" endorsement from his own party by a pathetic margin of just 3 votes of the 64 State Central Committee members present. Additionally the endorsement vote itself is in question because "Cheater" Paduchik disregarded yet another bylaw provision which requires a written endorsement policy guideline be developed prior to the State Central Committee making endorsements.

"Friday showed the Republican Establishment wants just four things from their base: 1. Their time campaigning, 2. Their money, 3. Their votes, and after the election, 4. Their silence!," said Tom Hach, Executive Director of Free Ohio Now. Hach also added, "The time is quickly approaching for a political reckoning, and the Republican Establishment is powerless to stop it."

Free Ohio Now salutes those members of the State Central Committee who stood up for the people of Ohio. They showed how truly unpopular this destructive administration is, and, at the same time, they exposed that the Establishment will cheat to whatever extent is necessary in order to maintain power.

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