

March 11, 2021

The Honorable Robert R. Cupp
Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street, 14th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Mr. Speaker,

As public servants elected to represent the people of Licking County, as well as leaders of the Licking County Republican Party, we write to you today to express our deep concern regarding our county's current representation in the Ohio House of Representatives.

Nearly eight months ago, State Representative Larry Householder was arrested and indicted by the federal government on public corruption charges. As of today, Mr. Householder maintains his position as State Representative for Ohio's 72nd House District, which includes eastern and southern Licking County.

Over the course of the past several months, our community has felt the adverse impact of being without an effective officeholder representing House District 72 in Columbus. The House of Representatives and its members have had sufficient time to carefully deliberate and consider Mr. Householder's state of affairs, and now it is time to act.

Due to the circumstances, we ask that you and your colleagues exercise your constitutional authority and take immediate action to expel Mr. Householder from his seat in the legislature. The people of eastern and southern Licking County deserve to have adequate representation in Columbus and the citizens of House District 72 deserve the opportunity to restore integrity and honor to that office.

We share the sentiment of the Licking County Republican Party, as well as our neighbors in Coshocton County, in asking that the House take up this action and allow proper leadership to be restored to the 72nd House District. It is in the best interest of our community and the entire State of Ohio.

We thank you for your time and attention to this important matter.

Jeanne J. Bellow, Executive Director
Mike B. Cannon, Chairman

Richard E. Selwyn, Chairman Central Comm.

Steve [unclear]

Dee A. Yocum

Jim [unclear], NEWARK CITY MAYOR

Alvin [unclear], WORK AT LEAST

Jim Bell, Licking Co. Commissioner

Mark [unclear], Lick Co. Comm.

Stacy [unclear], Licking County Treasurer

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Rep78

From: Tim Ross <timross.cosh@gmail.com>
Sent: Saturday, February 27, 2021 9:20 AM
To: Rep78
Subject: Coshocton leaders letter to Speaker Cupp

Good morning,

Please see below a letter from a bipartisan coalition of Coshocton leaders to Ohio House of Representatives Speaker Bob Cupp. It has come to our attention that due to a technical issue, some Members did not receive the original email. Apologies if you are receiving this twice but we wanted to make sure all had a chance to review it. To avoid sending a large attachment we have not included the PDF version with the signature page but if you would like to see that we can provide it upon request. Thank you very much for your time and consideration.

February 8, 2021

Speaker Bob Cupp
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Columbus, OH 43215
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Dear Mr. Speaker,

Ohio and Coshocton County are at a critical point. As the state recovers from the Coronavirus pandemic, it is vitally important that Coshocton County have an effective voice in state government.

As you are aware, Representative Householder has been indicted by a federal grand jury on charges of racketeering, bribery, and conspiracy. Two of Mr. Householder's associates and his political action committee have now pleaded guilty to the charges. These are very serious allegations that cast a shadow on the institution of the House and Representative Householder's integrity. The United States Constitution guarantees citizens a fair trial and a presumption of innocence until proven guilty. This is a key pillar of our judicial system.

That said, holding an elective office is not a right, it is a privilege and a sacred trust. The State of Ohio deserves to proceed with the work of the people and it is clear to us that Representative Householder cannot effectively serve the interests of Coshocton County while the criminal charges are ongoing.

In the 2020 State of Ohio Capital Budget, Coshocton County received less than similarly sized counties received given our lack of an effective advocate in the Ohio House of Representatives. The recent announcement that Representative Householder will serve on no House committees also highlights our lack of voice in key policy matters moving forward as the state deliberates the next biennium budget. Our county cannot afford to be left behind. Rural communities like ours always struggle to compete for resources with larger urban areas. Without a credible voice in the House of Representatives, our county will be left to fall further behind.

Therefore, for the good of the people of the State of Ohio and Coshocton County, we ask that a replacement Representative be named on our behalf. Should Representative Householder be found

innocent, he will be free to once again pursue elective office. In the meantime, the needs of the entirety of our community must come before any single public official.

Thank you very much for your consideration and your honest leadership.

Dane Shryock, Coshocton County Commissioner
Gary Fischer, Coshocton County Commissioner
Rick Conkle, Coshocton County Commissioner
Jason Given, Coshocton County Prosecutor
Susan Turner, Coshocton County Recorder *
Fred Wachtel, Coshocton County Engineer
Christine Sycks, Coshocton County Auditor
Janette Donaker, Coshocton County Treasurer
Mark Mills, City of Coshocton Mayor
Max Crown, City of Coshocton Service Director
Sherry Kirkpatrick, City of Coshocton Auditor *
Cliff Biggers, Coshocton City Council President
Roger Moore, Coshocton City Council
Glenn Mishler, Coshocton City Council *
Michele Turner Ganz, Coshocton City Council
Denell Skelton, City of Coshocton Treasurer
Robert Skelton, Coshocton City Law Director
Stephen Bordenkircher, Village of West Lafayette, Mayor *
Dennis Balo, Franklin Township Trustee
Grant Daugherty, Coshocton Republican Central Committee/Former County Commissioner
Tim Ross, Coshocton Republican Central Committee
Lisa Mowery, Coshocton Republican Central Committee
Tom Heading, Coshocton Republican Central Committee
Travis Gregorich, Coshocton Republican Central Committee
Patsy Miller, Coshocton Republican Central Committee

*Indicates signee is also a member of Coshocton Republican Central Committee