

ARGUMENT FOR STATE ISSUE 3

Voting “YES” on this issue protects the private property rights of Ohioans, safeguards Ohio’s natural resources, and maintains the stability of Ohio’s jobs and economy by recognizing and protecting property interests in ground water, lakes and watercourses.

This constitutional amendment was proposed by a bi-partisan supermajority of Ohio’s legislators who recognized that the preservation of private property interests is important to all Ohioans. These property rights are critical not only to property owners, but also to the protections of natural resources and the Ohio economy. Your “Yes” vote will ensure the protection of private property rights, natural resources, and Ohio’s jobs and economy.

Voting “Yes” will:

- Affirm that a property owner has a property interest in the reasonable use of ground water under the property owner’s land;
- Affirm that an owner of land along lakes and watercourses has a property interest in the reasonable use of water in that lake or watercourse located on or flowing through that land;
- Ensure that Ohio law continues to protect these water use rights for all Ohio citizens.

Submitted by: Ohio State Senators Timothy J. Grendell and Capri Cafaro, the group appointed by the Ohio General Assembly to prepare the argument for Issue 3