

Argument in Favor of Issue 1

Vote YES on Issue 1

A “YES” vote for Issue 1 would allow the state to issue \$200 million in bonds to provide cash bonuses for Ohio veterans who served in the Persian Gulf War, as well as the thousands of dedicated Ohioans in our nation’s armed forces who have fought and continue to fight to defend our freedoms in Iraq, Afghanistan and other regions of the globe.

Issue 1 should be approved for the following reasons:

- ✓ **ISSUE 1 EXTENDS A MUCH-DESERVED ‘THANK YOU’ TO OHIO’S SERVICEMEN AND WOMEN.** Under Issue 1, Ohioans who fought in the Persian Gulf, Iraq and Afghanistan could receive \$100 per month of service, not to exceed \$1,000, while soldiers who were stationed in other locations during these conflicts could receive \$50 per month of service, not to exceed \$500. These bonuses would not only show our state’s veterans that Ohio appreciates their service, but also help them transition from the military back to civilian life once their tours of duty are complete.
- ✓ **ISSUE 1 HELPS OHIO’S MILITARY FAMILIES.** Issue 1 would offer a \$5,000 death benefit to the families of soldiers killed in the line of duty.
- ✓ **ISSUE 1 CONTINUES A LONGSTANDING OHIO TRADITION OF SUPPORTING OUR VETERANS.** In 1921, Ohio voters approved a constitutional amendment to give bonuses to soldiers returning home from World War I. Over the next several decades, Ohioans also passed similar measures to provide bonuses to veterans of World War II, the Korean War and the Vietnam War. Issue 1 continues this important recognition of our veterans.

Passage of Issue 1 sends an important message that Ohio supports its veterans and their families, and we are grateful for everything they do for the country, this state and our local communities.

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Submitted by State Senators Timothy Grendell, Tom Patton, Tim Schaffer, Jason Wilson, Sue Morano and State Representatives Peter Ujvagi, Raymond Pryor, Connie Pillich, Terry Boose, and Ross McGregor, the persons appointed by the 128th Ohio General Assembly to prepare the argument for Issue 1.