

Vote “NO” on Issue 1

Issue 1 is dangerous.

- Possession or use of any amount of deadly drugs like fentanyl, heroin, and meth will result in probation – lighter punishment than offenses like disorderly conduct and reckless operation.
- The message to children is that these drugs are not dangerous.
- The message to drug traffickers is that doing business in Ohio is low risk.
- Violent offenders cannot be sent to prison for probation violations. They will be free to disregard judges’ orders with little consequence.

Issue 1 undermines treatment.

- Treatment for addiction is not provided or required by this amendment. An addict is on his own in getting sober.
- Courts connect addicts to treatment and help motivate success.
- Many addicts forego treatment entirely without the threat of prison.
- The proposal dooms effective treatment efforts in courts across Ohio.

Issue 1 reduces sentences for violent offenders.

- Drug traffickers, human traffickers, aggravated robbers, and others will be eligible for up to a 25% sentence reduction.
- Victims of violent crime will receive only partial justice.
- Issue 1 places the rehabilitation and well-being of those who break the law ahead of the rehabilitation and well-being of innocent victims.

Issue 1 is an unfunded mandate. It shifts costs to local government.

- Proponents speculate that savings from letting violent offenders and drug offenders out of prison will result in millions of dollars for treatment.
- It is not clear that the savings will be anything other than a one-time savings.
- Speculation about savings is not the same as dedicated funding.
- Local taxpayers will be left with the bill.

Keep Ohio courts and treatment efforts effective. Keep violent offenders off our streets.

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