

## **VOTE YES ON STATE ISSUE 1**

**VOTE YES on Issue 1** to reduce the number of people in state prison for low-level, nonviolent crimes and put the money to better use by directing savings to drug treatment and crime victims.

✓ **YES on Issue 1 saves taxpayer dollars:** Ohio spends more than \$1.8 billion per year on a broken prison system where too many people who pose little public safety risk are incarcerated while treatment and prevention programs suffer. Issue 1 will save tens of millions of dollars annually in prison spending and direct the savings to addiction treatment and victims of crime.

✓ **YES on Issue 1 puts our public safety dollars to better use:** Wasting law enforcement resources and prison on people struggling with addiction makes no sense. Issue 1 requires misdemeanors instead of felonies for low-level drug possession offenses and requires community service, treatment or local jail, instead of state prison, for people convicted of these crimes or who break probation rules (such as missing a meeting). Treatment and supervision work better to improve public safety than a revolving prison door.

✓ **YES on Issue 1 reduces recidivism:** Issue 1 expands earned-credit programs so that qualified people can be considered for release if they participate in rehabilitation programs. Experts agree that requiring people to earn their way out of prison through rehabilitation reduces the likelihood they'll commit more crimes.

✓ **YES on Issue 1 protects public safety:** This was carefully written to ensure that people that are a danger to public safety remain incarcerated. No one convicted of murder, rape or child molestation will benefit from any aspect of this measure.

**Issue 1 has bipartisan support from law enforcement, mental health and addiction treatment providers, nurses, faith leaders, and victims of crime.**

**SAVE MONEY. IMPROVE PUBLIC SAFETY.**

*Submitted by Ohio Safe and Healthy Communities Campaign*