

YOUR VOTE

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MATTERS

The word "MATTERS" is rendered in large, bold, stylized letters. Each letter contains a different image: 'M' is a yellow-to-orange gradient; 'A' is a red and blue pattern; 'T' shows an American flag; 'T' shows a crowd; 'M' is a rainbow gradient; 'R' is a red and blue pattern; 'S' shows a woman shouting with a raised fist.

ACLU Ohio

On the Frontlines for Freedom

Dear Friends –

Powerful forces in Ohio and across the nation continue their pernicious, blatant assaults on democracy and our individual freedoms. But, at the ACLU of Ohio, we work every day to push back against their divisive schemes, actively protecting our civil liberties and advancing our civil rights. From protecting abortion rights, through safeguarding elections, to ending gerrymandering, the ACLU of Ohio has always been and forever will stay on the frontlines for freedom.

We write today to express our profound gratitude for your past support and to invite your continued financial investment through our year-end Impact Fund appeal. This is our most critical fundraising season.

Because of you, the ACLU advocates, litigates, educates, organizes, and mobilizes on multiple fronts, simultaneously, across Ohio and the nation. And trust me, every manipulative ploy to roll back voting and political participation, freedom of speech, and individual legal rights will be met with our strongest collective and creative resistance.

Our ACLU of Ohio family always rises to meet every challenge with courage, agility, determination, and hope! As a member and supporter, you stand at the center of our every success.

Will you support us by making an impactful year-end gift before December 31? Thank you!



J. Bennett Guess
Executive Director



P.S. Promote the vote with this flip-side poster! ↻

Victory for Voters with Disabilities

As a result of our successful litigation, a federal court struck down restrictions in Ohio's House Bill 458 that made it a crime for all but a handful of family members to assist voters with disabilities from casting absentee ballots. This is a win for democracy, in time for the November election!

Teaching Democracy



Class is in session! This fall, we hosted Civic Schools across the state to share insight on the innerworkings of our state government and the value of community activism.

Banned Books Bingo!

On June 25, we hosted Banned Books Bingo at The Barrel Room in North Canton! We will always celebrate and fight for the freedom to read.



Legalize and Repair

Following the passage of Issue 2 last November, recreational marijuana is now legal in Ohio and available for purchase. This means, in addition to legalizing, we must remedy the harms inflicted by decades of the racist, carceral War on Drugs. Policies must be reexamined in light of legalization, offering resentencing, expungement, and clemency for prior offenses.



Reimagining Youth Justice

In May, we formed the Greater CLE Youth Justice Collective with partners from Children's Law Center, and the Schubert Center for Child Studies at CWRU to improve the lives and outcomes for system-involved youth in Cuyahoga County. It's time to foster a shift and change public narrative around outdated "tough on crime" policies. Youth should be provided with opportunities for treatment, rehabilitation, and positive reinforcement.



Abortion Laws Dismantled

Recently, Ohio judges have issued temporary injunctions to dismantle several long-standing abortion restrictions that violate Ohio's newly amended constitution. These rulings display the full power of Ohio's new Reproductive Freedom Amendment and are a testament to the collective power of Ohioans who voted for Issue 1 last November. These victories were hard-fought, and we will keep fighting for reproductive freedom.



Every Vote Matters

We've been engaging in Get-Out-The-Vote work ahead of the November Election – here are a few of our team members at a homeless shelter in greater Columbus helping unhoused Ohioans update their voter registration.



Celebrating Trans Joy!

On August 17, we hosted our second annual Trans Block Party at Topiary Park in Columbus. In the midst of another incredible difficult year for the transgender, gender nonconforming, and intersex community, we held an empowering event for community members and allies to share joy.



Watch 'The Battle for Ohio'

A new documentary short, produced by award-winning filmmakers Geoff Yaw and Danielle Miller, tells the moving story of how the ACLU led the fight in Ohio to restore abortion rights and protect democracy in 2023. Scan to watch and share.

