

## ON NOVEMBER 7th, 2023, VOTE YES ON ISSUE 1

Dear Neighbors,

As a Democrat, and a fellow voter, I'm reaching out to you once again in order to update you regarding Ohio's upcoming election on November 7, 2023. **With our huge success in August, let's keep our momentum going!**

On the ballot you will see Issue 1, the "Reproductive Freedom with Protections for Health and Safety" amendment.

\* Issue 1 was brought about through "Ohioans for Reproductive Freedom," a coalition of statewide reproductive health, rights, and justice organizations working to ensure Ohioans, not the government, have control over their own reproductive freedoms.

\* Most Ohioans would agree one-size-fits-all laws simply do not work when people are making personal medical decisions, such as reproductive healthcare.

What is Issue 1 in November, 2023?

**The full version may be found at: [readtheamendment.com](http://readtheamendment.com)**

Here is a summary:

1. Every individual has a right to make and carry out one's own reproductive decisions, including but not limited to decisions on contraception, fertility treatment, continuing one's own pregnancy, miscarriage care, and abortion.
2. The State shall not, directly or indirectly, interfere with this right.
3. Abortion may be prohibited after fetal viability. But in no case may such an abortion be prohibited if in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician it is necessary to protect the pregnant patient's life or health.
4. "Fetal viability" means "the point in a pregnancy when, in the professional judgment of the pregnant patient's treating physician, the fetus has a significant likelihood of survival outside the uterus with reasonable measures. This is determined on a case-by-case basis.

*\* One misconception I want to clarify is that there is nothing in the amendment that mentions or supersedes Ohio's parental consent laws.*

A reminder of facts you need to know to be an informed voter and to ensure Issue 1 passes:

1. Make sure you are a registered voter by visiting [ohiodems.org/vote](http://ohiodems.org/vote) to check/update your voter registration and find your polling location. The deadline to register is October 10, 2023.
2. Request your absentee ballot today by visiting [ohiodems.org/vote](http://ohiodems.org/vote) & choose "Request an absentee ballot" & following the instructions, or by calling your County Board of Elections (937-521-2120) for an application.
3. **Very important:** Look for the latest information on Ohio's ID requirements by visiting [ohiodems.org/vote](http://ohiodems.org/vote).  
- *If you experience any challenges in obtaining voter ID, visit [voteriders.org](http://voteriders.org)*
4. Talk with at least 3 friends or relatives to remind them to vote **yes** on November 7. Also encourage them to tell 3 friends or relatives.

### Important dates:

October 10 - last day to register for November 7 election

October 11 - early voting starts at the Clark County Board of Elections

**November 7- Election Day** at your polling place.