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Judicial Candidates Rating Coalition  
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Cleveland, Ohio 44114-1785

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Judicial Candidates Rating Coalition,

The Ohio Republican Party appreciates your mission as it is stated, which is “to help Cuyahoga County voters elect good judges.” It has come to our attention that Co-Chairs C. Ellen Connally and John R. Mitchell have requested interviews with the three Republican candidates for Ohio Supreme Court—Justice Joe Deters, Judge Dan Hawkins, and Judge Megan Shanahan.

The Ohio Republican Party does not believe that any candidate for Ohio Supreme Court, or for a local judgeship, should subject themselves to an interview with your organization. Specifically, we are uncomfortable with the rampant bias and absurd rhetoric (see below) from Co-Chair Connally, who is a known-Democrat partisan in Cuyahoga County.

Connolly’s hyper-partisanship and social media content is inexcusable, and it is our strong opinion that if Judge4Yourself wants to continue providing this service to Cleveland voters, they should immediately cut all ties with this person and prioritize finding leadership who is capable of administering a fair process.

The idea of a Republican judicial candidate interviewing with an organization co-chaired by a person like Connally, so they can pass judgment on their credentials, is absurd. While in theory your program sounds like a good opportunity for judicial candidates to introduce themselves to voters, the organization has been infiltrated by extreme liberal bias in a way that no longer makes them credible to fairly pass judgment on the qualifications of a judicial candidate.

For these reasons, we are respectfully declining your invitation on behalf of all three Republican candidates for Ohio Supreme Court.

Sincerely,


Cameron Sagester  
Executive Director  
Ohio Republican Party

Examples:

Connally stated "On the plantation, Donalds would have been the slave shuffling to the master telling him that another slave was planning to escape." in an op-ed entitled, "[A Black Republican Is an Oxymoron.](#)"

**Ellen Connally**  
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Another candidate for the Oreo Cookie Hall of fame.



aol.com  
Sen. Tim Scott makes it official: He's a Republican candidate for president

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**Ellen Connally**  
February 25 · 🌐

Any Black person dumb enough to go to a Trump rally deserves to be insulted - more like kicked in the ass.



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Yes Massa ....



AOL.COM  
Tim Scott responds to Trump considering him for vice president: 'The only thing I can tell you is...'