

Ohio clergy statement, February 24, 2022: Mike Gibbons is *not* a social conservative and is *not* a strong supporter of Donald J. Trump

As a first-time political candidate in 2017, Mike Gibbons indicated he was pro-choice.

- When first asked his position on abortion as a U.S. Senate candidate in 2017, Gibbons stated on social issues he is a “pro-people” person who is not dogmatic. (1)
- Given a chance to clarify his remarks the next day, Gibbons solidified his position claiming he “personally” opposed abortion, but he is “not a woman” and would not choose for them. (2)
- In stating he would not choose because he is “not a woman,” Gibbons echoes the rhetoric used by the Liberal Left and Planned Parenthood.
- Prior to becoming a U.S. Senate candidate, numerous activists report Gibbons was not involved in the Ohio Pro-Life movement.
- Gibbons has donated to the campaigns of pro-choice politicians including Jimmy Carter’s son and former Cleveland City Councilman Joe Cimperman.
- Pro-Life Conservatives should be concerned Mike Gibbons has only adopted his Pro-Life position since he decided to run for office; even as a first-time candidate admitting to being “pro-people,” “not dogmatic,” and admitting he “would not choose” for a woman.

Mike Gibbons admits he does not like Donald J. Trump and believes Joe Biden won the 2020 election.

- In 2021, Gibbons stated he “has not seen evidence” of widespread voter fraud in the 2020 election. (3)
- In 2022, Gibbons admitted he would have voted to certify the 2020 election if he had been in the U.S. Senate at the time. (4)
- Gibbons has stated Donald J. Trump is “not my style” and “I am not into the cult of personality.” (5)
- In 2021, Gibbons stated Joe Biden’s \$1.9 trillion stimulus plan would “help the economy.”

Driven by his personal fortune, Gibbons is now rising in the polls in the race for the U.S. Senate seat in Ohio, and Pro-Trump Conservatives should be concerned.

- An unproven candidate with a track record of pro-choice statements who echoes the liberal media’s views on the 2020 election should concern Republican Primary voters.
- What’s more concerning is Gibbons has already put in \$11 million in an attempt to buy a U.S. Senate seat and is seeing his poll numbers increase.
- Ohio voters should be aware of Gibbon’s record and question whether he truly knows where he stands on any issue important to Social Conservatives across the Buckeye State.

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The following (22) twenty-two lead clergymen from North Central Ohio are releasing this statement expressing their concern over the authenticity of the conservative values of U.S. Senate Candidate Mike Gibbons:

Pastor J.C. Church	Pastor Dallas Waggle
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Pastor Jerry O'Brien	Pastor Chad Hayes
Pastor George Lewis	Pastor James Marshall
Pastor Brian Phillips	Pastor Randy Raynes
Pastor Faron Cole	Rabbi Bob Bauer
Bishop Sylvester Ginn	Pastor Matt Potosky
Pastor Ben Gregg	Pastor Miller Montoya

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