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State Representative John Becker Announces 10 Criminal Charges Against Governor Mike DeWine

Demands Governor DeWine's Immediate Arrest and Impeachment

UNION TOWNSHIP, CLERMONT COUNTY — State Representative John Becker, acting as a private citizen, has formally filed a Private Citizen Affidavit today in Clermont County Municipal Court per Ohio Revised Code 2935.09(D). The seven felony and three misdemeanor charges are as follows:

1. ***Engaging in pattern of corrupt activity***, Ohio Revised Code 2923.32(A)(1), a felony of the 2nd degree;
2. ***Complicity***, Ohio Revised Code 2923.03(A)(1), a felony of the 2nd degree;
3. ***Terrorism***, Ohio Revised Code 2909.24(A)(1), a felony of the 2nd degree;
4. ***Making terroristic threat***, Ohio Revised Code 2909.23(A)(1)(a), a felony of the 3rd degree;
5. ***Inducing panic***, Ohio Revised Code 2917.31(A)(3), a felony of the 3rd degree;
6. ***Conspiracy***, Ohio Revised Code 2923.01(A)(1), a felony of the 3rd degree;
7. ***Bribery***, Ohio Revised Code 3599.01(A)(2); a felony of the 4th degree;
8. ***Interfering with civil rights***, Ohio Revised Code 2921.45(A), a misdemeanor of the 1st degree;
9. ***Coercion***, Ohio Revised Code 2905.12(A)(5), a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree; and
10. ***Patient abuse or neglect***, Ohio Revised Code 2903.34(A)(3), a misdemeanor of the 2nd degree.

Per Ohio Revised Code 2935.10(A) and supporting case law, the court "...shall forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of the person charged in the affidavit..." or "...shall forthwith refer the matter to the prosecuting attorney..."

Upon closer examination of 2935.10(A), and because "it charges the commission of a felony," it is clear that, "unless [the court] has reason to believe that [the Private Citizen Affidavit] was not filed in good faith, or the claim is not meritorious, [the court] shall forthwith issue a warrant for the arrest of the person charged in the affidavit..."

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Per case law, the words “good faith” and “meritorious” simply means “probable cause.” Also, per case law, “Probable cause is generally defined as a reasonable ground for suspicion supported by facts and circumstances sufficiently strong to warrant a prudent person to believe that an accused person has committed an offense.”

Therefore, because felony charges are included and because probable cause is abundantly clear and self-evident, the court is required to issue a warrant for the immediate arrest of Governor Mike DeWine.

The arguments for probable cause include but are not limited to the following:

1. **Engaging in pattern of corrupt activity** ORC 2923.32(A)(1): Per Ohio Revised Code 2923.31(E), a “pattern of corrupt activity” means “two or more incidents of corrupt activity”;
And 2923.31(I)(2) “Conduct constituting any of the following:”
(a) “A violation of ...2909.23 and 2909.24...” as explained below.
2. **Complicity** ORC 2923.03(A)(1): (A) No person, acting with the kind of culpability required for the commission of an offense, shall do any of the following:
(1) Solicit or procure another to commit the offense;
Per the above statutes, Governor DeWine has “solicited and procured” to commit the offense of “engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity,” et al, by conspiring with his cabinet-level officials such as the Department of Health and the Department of Commerce, Division of Liquor Control as well as the Ohio Secretary of State and hospital administrators, et al, to promote fear, threaten business licenses, shutter businesses, and illegally cancel an election, etc.
3. **Terrorism**, ORC 2909.24(A)(1): (A) No person shall commit a specified offense with purpose to do any of the following: (1) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population. Governor DeWine has “intimidated or coerced a civilian population” by promoting fear in multiple ways including but not limited to required social distancing, emphasizing the reporting of irrelevant cumulative Covid cases, color-coded metrics emphasizing “red” areas, and the mandate to wear face coverings, meaning the freedom to worship, freedom to shop, the availability of sports, and the reopening of in-person instruction, etc.
4. **Making terroristic threat**, ORC 2909.23(A)(1)(a). (A) No person shall threaten to commit or threaten to cause to be committed a specified offense when both of the following apply: (1) The person makes the threat with purpose to do any of the following: (a) Intimidate or coerce a civilian population; (2) As a result of the threat, the person causes



a reasonable expectation or fear of the imminent commission of the specified offense. Governor DeWine repeatedly, recklessly, and flagrantly, threatened, “intimidated and coerced a civilian population,” Ohio’s citizens, businesses, healthcare facilities, churches, schools, and operators of voting locations, et al, with “a reasonable expectation or fear of the imminent commission” under threat of credible criminal prosecution of a second-degree misdemeanor carrying a ninety-day jail sentence and/or a fine of \$750.

5. **Inducing panic**, ORC 2917.31(A)(3). (A) No person shall cause the evacuation of any public place, or otherwise cause serious public inconvenience or alarm, by doing any of the following: (3) Committing any offense, with reckless disregard of the likelihood that its commission will cause serious public inconvenience or alarm. Governor DeWine caused “serious public inconvenience or alarm” when he illegally cancelled the March 17, 2020 primary election, reported outlandish Covid numbers, mandated face coverings, shut down healthcare facilities to nonessential procedures, and shut down or placed onerous restrictions upon retail establishments, bars, restaurants, etc.
6. **Conspiracy**, ORC 2923.01(A)(1). (A) No person, with purpose to commit or to promote or facilitate... engaging in a pattern of corrupt activity... (1) With another person or persons, plan or aid in planning the commission of any of the specified offenses. Governor DeWine conspired to “engage in a pattern of corrupt activity.”
7. **Bribery**, ORC 3599.01(A)(2). (A) No person shall before, during, or after any primary, convention, or election: (2) Attempt by intimidation, coercion, or other unlawful means to induce such delegate or elector to register or refrain from registering or to vote or refrain from voting at a primary, convention, or election for a particular person, question, or issue. Governor DeWine “intimidated, coerced, or by other unlawful means induced electors [voters] to refrain from voting at a primary election.”
8. **Interfering with civil rights**, Ohio Revised Code 2921.45(A). (A) No public servant, under color of his office, employment, or authority, shall knowingly deprive, or conspire or attempt to deprive any person of a constitutional or statutory right. Governor DeWine recklessly and repeatedly violated civil liberties, “constitutional, and statutory rights” by closing healthcare facilities for nonessential procedures in violation of Article I, section 21 (B) and (C) of the Ohio Constitution to obtain healthcare, closing voting locations (tantamount to cancelling the election) in violation of ORC 3501.01(E)(2) as mandated by Article I, Section 4 of the United States Constitution and Article II, Section 27 of the Ohio Constitution and unlawfully placing nearly 12 million Ohioans (effectively) under house arrest and to wear facial coverings, subject to



government-approved exceptions, thereby violating millions of Ohioans' legal freedoms of association and civil liberties and due process rights under threat of credible criminal prosecution of a second-degree misdemeanor carrying a ninety-day jail sentence and/or a fine of \$750.

9. **Coercion**, ORC 2905.12(A)(5). (A) No person, with purpose to coerce another into taking or refraining from action concerning which the other person has a legal freedom of choice, shall do any of the following: (5) Take, withhold, or threaten to take or withhold official action, or cause or threaten to cause official action to be taken or withheld. Governor DeWine illegally, callously, and deliberately, in collusion with others, ordered the closing of healthcare facilities to nonessential procedures, voting locations, bars, et, al and threatened to revoke liquor and other business licenses and under the additional threat of credible criminal prosecution of a second-degree misdemeanor carrying a ninety-day jail sentence and/or a fine of \$750.
10. **Patient abuse or neglect**, ORC 2903.34(A)(3). (A) No person who owns, operates, or administers, or who is an agent or employee of, a care facility shall do any of the following: (3) Commit neglect against a resident or patient of the facility. Governor DeWine promoted fear and demonstrated callous disregard for health and happiness by requiring "neglect against residents or patients of care facilities" by requiring the withholding of the physical love, comfort, and emotional support of family members constituting cruel and unusual punishment.

If the court finds probable cause for at least one of the above felony charges, ORC 2935.10(A) requires that **a warrant for Governor DeWine's arrest must be issued**. It is not discretionary. Being as the basic facts surrounding the above charges are not in dispute, probable cause is self-evident; hence, the arrest of Governor DeWine for criminal charges is imminent.

"I never wanted to go down the road of impeachment and certainly never considered criminal charges against Governor DeWine," Becker said. "The governor simply isn't getting the message that the people's liberties need to be respected and a governor has no right to assume imperial and dictatorial powers without regard to any alleged emergency," Becker continued.

Representative Becker went on to say, "Without criminal charges, many of my colleagues have been reluctant to co-sponsor the articles of impeachment. Therefore, I filed this Private Citizen Affidavit for their benefit and for the benefit of the growing number of Ohioans who have been chanting, 'LOCK HIM UP! LOCK HIM UP!'"

The articles of impeachment are still open for additional co-sponsors and can be found at ImpeachDeWine.com.



Becker added, “When Governor DeWine is arrested, I sincerely hope that he is wearing a mask and doesn’t get tasered before being dragged off to jail like the Marietta football mom in Logan. I don’t want him victimized as his policies have victimized others.”

Representative Becker emphasized that he is taking this action, as a private citizen, to serve as an example for every Ohioan to do the same thing in their respective county. “Although an attorney is not necessary for an Ohioan to file a Private Citizen Affidavit in their local municipal, county, or area court, I chose to engage legal counsel to provide a template that the public could use anywhere in Ohio,” Becker said.

The Private Citizen Affidavit can be found at ImpeachDeWine.com. Becker explained that, “Anybody can download it, change the name, address, and court information to their own and get it notarized before filing with their local Clerk of Court’s office. They can also feel free to change anything in the Affidavit at their own discretion.”

Becker concluded with the following statement: “My sincere wish is for Governor DeWine to resign immediately, enjoy a long, healthy, and happy retirement in Cedarville, and allow the people of Ohio to restore their freedoms and their lives.”