

Vote YES on Issue 2

Protect Our Constitution from Monopoly Interests

Your Yes Vote on Issue 2 Will:

- Ensure that Ohio's Constitution is not for sale and **prohibit special interests** from amending the Constitution to create **monopolies, oligopolies or cartels**.
- **Prohibit special interests** from buying an amendment to our Constitution that creates **permanent preferential tax rates or commercial rights** for themselves or for any business.
- Prohibit special interests from amending our Constitution to guarantee financial profits for themselves or get special economic privileges that are not available to other similarly situated persons or entities.
- Ensure that our Constitution is used as intended by its framers – for matters that benefit the broad public interest.
- Ensure that our Constitution cannot be abused and corrupted by those interested in obtaining exclusive deals and special commercial benefits.
- Uphold our state's traditional spirit and traditional meaning of free commerce, fair trade and fair dealing.

Why Ohio Needs Issue 2:

- The Constitution should be used to protect fundamental rights of all individuals, not to guarantee financial profits for a select few.
- Special interests are using our state's initiative process to create exclusive financial benefits for themselves in our Constitution. They are writing themselves exclusive constitutionally protected monopolies in our most important document.
- These special interests hire political operatives to push proposed amendments that would give investors monopoly control over certain commercial activities.
- Ohio's citizens' initiative process has existed since 1912 and was intended to be used only in the broad public interest, never for maximizing private return on investment for self-interested investors or any corporations they form.
- Nineteen states have constitutional provisions banning monopolies. It is time for Ohio to become the twentieth state.

End the special deals for special interests, **vote YES for Issue 2**

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