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We Are Ohio Airs First Television Ad, Holds Statewide Press Conferences with First Responders

Columbus- Today We Are Ohio announced the campaign will begin airing its first television advertisement today in major media markets and cable all across Ohio. The announcement was made in Columbus, Cincinnati, Cleveland, Toledo, Youngstown, Dayton and Marietta by local first responders who will vote NO on Issue 2 to reject Senate Bill 5, the unfair and unsafe bill that will hurt their local communities.

"I will vote NO on Issue 2 because Senate Bill 5 will make it harder for me to get the necessary training and equipment I need to protect my community," said Dave Wright a firefighter in Dayton. "I've been a firefighter for 22 years. I just want to be treated fairly and serve the people of Dayton."

"I'm honored to stand with my fellow first responders today to say I'm voting NO on Issue 2 because Senate Bill 5 goes too far," said Doug Stern a Cincinnati firefighter. "Senate Bill 5 makes it illegal for me to fight for safe staffing levels. This puts the safety of the people I'm trying to serve and protect, as well as my safety at risk."

We Are Ohio is a citizen-driven, community-based, bipartisan coalition that has come together to repeal SB 5, the unfair and unsafe law that will hurt us all. We Are Ohio includes public and private sector workers and employees, police officers, firefighters, teachers, nurses, pastors, small business owners, Republicans and Democrats, local elected officials and business leaders, students, Moms, Dads, family members, and your neighbors.

To view the We Are Ohio television advertisement visit: http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6Kc0F_yQrp0
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