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## **Ohio State Council of Machinists Endorses Nan Whaley For Governor**

*Executive Board cites Nan's commitment to working families.*

**Columbus, OH** – Today, The Ohio State Council of Machinists (OSCM), an organization of thirty-two (32) labor unions, which represents over 20,000 manufacturing, steel, automotive, aerospace and other workers across the great state of Ohio, endorsed the Honorable Mayor of Dayton Nan Whaley for Governor of Ohio.

“Nan is committed to working families and will stand up for workers’ rights,” said T. Dean Wright, Jr., OSCM President. “Nan has a proven track record of working across the aisle, while also upholding her values. She has and continues to work with the labor movement to fight against harmful legislation which would lowers wages, create unsafe working conditions and damage collective bargaining rights. Our members seek a governor that understands and knows that jobs and the economy are the core issues in the upcoming 2018 election and believe she is the right choice to lead our state in the next four years,” said Wright.

“In Ohio, we build things, we always have and we always will,” said Mayor Nan Whaley, Ohio Governor candidate. “Our state has proven time and again, we have the muscle and know how we need to take on any task. And because of highly-skilled, highly trained union workers like the over 20,000 men and women of the Machinists union, I know Ohio workers are ready to compete and win against anyone in the world. But, what we need is a Governor who respects the dignity of work and will fight to level the playing field and lead Ohio with the right mission and direction. I am proud to have the support of the Ohio State Council of Machinists and am ready to stand with them and working men and women across Ohio to create good paying jobs for all of our families,” said Whaley.

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OSCM delegates Phil Baker, Peggy Montague and Fred Confer express their support of Mayor Whaley's candidacy for Governor of Ohio in 2018.

"We need a governor that is going to support working families including fair wages and safe workplaces," **said Phil Baker, IAM Local 1471 President from Columbus.** "Nan has been traveling across Ohio listening to people and hearing that they need an advocate, someone who will take their concerns with them into the State House and protect and advance their values. I am proud to have someone that is going to fight for my members and all workers in Ohio," said Baker.

"Skilled workforce is so important and a major component of our economy," **said Peggy Montague, IAM Local 439 Secretary Treasurer from Cleveland.** "Nan understands that in order to have economic growth you must have apprenticeship programs and a well-trained workforce to build and maintain it. She understands and appreciates the skills and strength of organized Labor. She believes in organized Labor and does not blame us for the state's problems – rather she sees us as part of the solution for these reasons and many more that we support Nan Whaley for Governor," said Montague.

"November of 2018 will be here before we know it and we need someone who is going to stand with us, we need a leader who is going to listen, and stand up for working family values every day," **said Fred Confer, IAM Local 1297 President from Ashland.** "On September 30<sup>th</sup> and again today, Nan Whaley came to meet our leadership. She is committed to the issues important to the labor movement and all Ohio households. We were impressed and have a candidate who as a governor will stand with us. I'm proud to offer the support of Local 1297 on behalf of our membership to endorse Nan Whaley as our candidate for governor," said Confer.

The Ohio State Council of Machinists is the political arm of the International Association of Machinists & Aerospace Workers (IAMAW) that represents over 20,000 active and retired members in Ohio and West Virginia.

***We urge for #solidarity in voting for Nan Whaley in 2018 as the Governor of Ohio, as she is on the path of improving the social and economic well-being of all Ohioans.***

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