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FROM: NRCC

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RE: NRCC Outlines Paths to Victory Across Ohio

OVERVIEW

The NRCC is on offense in OH-01, OH-09, and OH-13. Out of touch Democrats Greg Landsman, Marcy Kaptur, and Emilia Sykes each carry unique weaknesses that open the door for Republicans. With less than a year until Election Day, we will remind voters that Landsman, Kaptur, and Sykes do not deserve their votes and expand our majority.

OH-01

This district, now won by President Trump, has shifted to favor Republicans by nearly eight points compared to its previous iteration. The new map added all of Clinton County and rural western Hamilton County, while removing some Cincinnati suburbs that lean Democrat. A Republican won Clinton County by nearly 80 points in 2024. Republicans have a proven history of winning the newly drawn OH-01 district. President Trump won the new district in 2024, Governor Mike DeWine won it twice, and then Senator, now Vice President, J.D. Vance won it in 2022.

OH-09

The new OH-09 district shifted nearly four points towards Republicans and now has the most significant margin of victory for President Trump of any seat held by a Democrat in Congress. OH-09 now includes Paulding, Putnam, and Henry Counties, three of the most Republican counties in the state. A Republican won all three counties with more than 80 points in 2024. Among all members of Congress, none represent a district that favors the opposite party as much as the new OH-09 in terms of presidential margin, with President Trump winning the seat by over 10 points.

OH-13

The new OH-13 map shifted from a Harris +0.1 district to a Harris +3.3 district after adding more Democratic-leaning areas in Portage County, including the college town of Kent, while removing parts of Stark County. While the district is slightly less favorable than before, it remains highly competitive and continues to trend toward the GOP.



The underlying fundamentals indicate steady Republican momentum: Clinton and Biden both won the district by more than five points, but Harris only carried it by three points, and Mike DeWine won the district by 11 points in 2022. This consistent movement signals that the GOP coalition in Northeast Ohio is growing stronger.

Every county in OH-13 is trending toward Republicans across the ballot. From 2020 to 2024, Summit County shifted 2.6 points to the right, Stark shifted 3.2 points, and Portage shifted 1.6 points. At the Senate level, those same counties moved 7.4, 8.3, and 9.4 points right since 2018. Stark County, the district's most Republican, underscores how the GOP has solidified its base, with President Trump increasing his margin from 2020 to 2024. Meanwhile, Summit, the largest county and home to populist, blue-collar voters, is steadily drifting away from the Democrat Party.

Incumbent Emilia Sykes is increasingly vulnerable in this environment: her narrow 2022 win, alignment with national Democrats, and the district's cultural and economic tilt toward Republican messaging leave her exposed. Bolstering turnout among the GOP base and reaching 55% in Stark County would put the Republican candidate on a clear path to victory, a mark both President Trump (55% in 2024) and DeWine (64% in 2022) achieved. With the right candidate, resources, and message focused on economic strength, border security, and working-class values, OH-13 remains well within reach for Republicans.

CONCLUSION

The NRCC remains on offense in Ohio, determined to flip OH-01, OH-09, and OH-13 and expand our House majority. In OH-13 alone this cycle, the GOP has outspent Democrats by more than two to one, underscoring the committee's commitment to winning even in districts Democrats once considered safe. Emilia Sykes remains one of the most vulnerable Democrats in the country, an incumbent out of step with her district's working-class voters and unable to escape her party's toxic national brand.

With strong candidates, disciplined messaging, and continued investment, Republicans are positioned to deliver major wins in Ohio.

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