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## City Attorney Klein Files Amicus Brief in Case Challenging Legislature's Attempt to Steal Power Away from Voters

*Says Republican about face on special elections is a direct response to citizen-led efforts to protect reproductive rights in Ohio*

**COLUMBUS, OH**—Columbus City Attorney Zach Klein announced his office filed an amicus brief to the Ohio Supreme Court in *One Person One Vote v. LaRose*, a case challenging the legality of recently passed Senate Joint Resolution 2, which would create an August special election to put to the ballot a measure that would make it harder for Ohioans to pass constitutional amendments. Klein says the undemocratic measure is a direct response to a citizen-led effort to protect reproductive rights in Ohio. His statement is below:

**“Ohio’s 1912 constitutional convention guaranteed power to the people through initiative and referendum to keep a check on the government. For more than a century, voters have taken this responsibility seriously, passing just 30 percent of all citizen-led initiatives since 1912.**

**“Now, less than a year after Statehouse Republicans passed legislation to limit the ability to hold August elections, these same politicians are singing a different tune the very first time they see the People rallying behind something they don’t like. Make no mistake, the timing of this isn’t coincidental. This is a Republican attempt to undercut the voters and change the rules because they don’t want to see reproductive rights on the ballot.**

**“If you care about reproductive rights and if you care about the ability of the People to hold their elected representatives in check, then you should care about this. There is no statutory basis for this election, and we urge the Court to grant the relief requested.”**

[A copy of the City’s amicus brief is attached.](#)

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