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### **RICK PERALES VOTES FOR OHIO REPUBLICAN LEADERS' RADICAL AGENDA DURING LAME DUCK SESSION**

*Priorities Like Creating Good-Paying Jobs, Protecting Affordable Health Care and Investing in Our Kids' Schools Ignored*

**COLUMBUS** -- During the lame duck session, Ohio Republicans are pushing a radical social agenda backed by special-interest groups -- and state Rep. Rick Perales supports that agenda, having voted for legislation that would essentially ban abortion and a gun bill opposed by the [Ohio Prosecuting Attorneys Association and the Fraternal Order of Police](#).

"Ohio families are worried about kitchen table issues like affordable health care, quality education and good-paying jobs, so it's disturbing to see state Rep. Rick Perales instead pushing through a radical social agenda that editorial boards have called a '[sickening](#)' offering to extremist special interests," **said Ohio Democratic Chairman David Pepper**. "Ohio Republicans should not be interjecting politics into a woman's personal decisionmaking and making it harder for prosecutors to try gun violence cases. Perales should be working toward solutions on the issues that are keeping hard-working Ohioans up at night, not doing the bidding of his party bosses."

Kim McCarthy, the Democratic candidate for District 73 in the 2018 election, points out that these votes by Perales are no surprise. "During our campaign, Perales repeatedly showed that he was out of touch with the real issues that the people of his district face. His focus on identity politics, while ignoring the real economic problems that so many are struggling with, is the reason our state is sliding backwards on so many key indicators. People want school funding fixed, they want access to health care, and they want jobs that can support their families adequately. This is where a true representative would be spending his time."

Ohio House Bill 258 seeks to ban abortions when a fetal heartbeat can be detected, which can be as early as six weeks into a pregnancy -- in some cases, before a woman even realizes she is pregnant. It provides no exceptions for cases of rape and incest. [Such legislation has previously been declared unconstitutional by federal judges](#).

The [roll call vote for HB 258](#), the six-week abortion ban bill:

The question recurring, "Shall the bill as amended pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 60, nays 35, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

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| Antani     | Becker     | Blessing    | Brenner      |
| Brinkman   | Butler     | Cupp        | Dean         |
| Dever      | DeVitis    | Edwards     | Faber        |
| Gavarone   | Ginter     | Green       | Hagan        |
| Hambley    | Henne      | Hill        | Holmes       |
| Hood       | Hoops      | Householder | Huffman      |
| Hughes     | Johnson    | Keller      | Kick         |
| Koehler    | Landis     | Lanese      | Lang         |
| LaTourette | Lipps      | McClain     | Merrin       |
| Patmon     | Patton     | Pelanda     | Perales      |
| Reineke    | Retherford | Riedel      | Roegner      |
| Romanchuk  | Schaffer   | Scherer     | Schuring     |
| Seitz      | Slaby      | Smith, T.   | Sprague      |
| Stein      | Thompson   | Vitale      | Wiggam       |
| Wilkin     | Young      | Zeltwanger  | Smith, R.-60 |

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Ohio House Bill 228 eliminates any “duty to retreat” before using force in self-defense, shifts the burden of proof to the state in self-defense cases, and loosens a number of Ohio gun violence prevention rules -- including allowing individuals to challenge local gun violence prevention ordinances in court.

The [roll call vote for HB 228](#), the “shoot first” or “kill at will” bill:

The question recurring, "Shall the bill as amended pass?"

The yeas and nays were taken and resulted – yeas 65, nays 32, as follows:

Those who voted in the affirmative were: Representatives

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| Anielski   | Antani     | Arndt       | Becker       |
| Blessing   | Brenner    | Brinkman    | Butler       |
| Carfagna   | Cera       | Cupp        | Dever        |
| DeVitis    | Duffey     | Edwards     | Faber        |
| Gavarone   | Ginter     | Green       | Greenspan    |
| Hagan      | Hambley    | Henne       | Hill         |
| Hood       | Hoops      | Householder | Huffman      |
| Hughes     | Johnson    | Keller      | Kick         |
| Koehler    | Landis     | Lanese      | Lang         |
| LaTourette | Lipps      | Manning     | McClain      |
| Merrin     | Patton     | Pelanda     | Perales      |
| Reineke    | Retherford | Riedel      | Roegner      |
| Romanchuk  | Ryan       | Schaffer    | Scherer      |
| Schuring   | Seitz      | Slaby       | Smith, T.    |
| Sprague    | Stein      | Thompson    | Vitale       |
| Wiggam     | Wilkin     | Young       | Zeltwanger   |
|            |            |             | Smith, R.-65 |

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