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MEMORANDUM FOR DISTRIBUTION (for widest possible dissemination)

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FROM: STEPHEN FARIS, WRITE IN CANDIDATE FOR U.S. SENATE (OHIO)

SUBJECT: Ohio Counties' MOUs and CPS Screening Guidelines for Addressing Child Sexual Abuse

Ref: (a) Ohio DCY, 2025, *Ohio Child Protective Services Screening Guidelines*

(b) S. Faris, 2025, *Assessing Ohio CPS Screening Guidelines*, WriteInFaris.com/2025-sexabuse

1. By December 31, 2025, the second biennial county memorandums of understanding (MOUs) to address child abuse are to be reviewed, updated, signed by all partners, and approved by resolution.
2. The MOUs are governed by state and federal laws and regulations and identify county public children services agencies (PCSAs) as lead agencies providing screening services using Ref (a).
3. The Screening Guidelines in Ref (a) were independently assessed in Ref (b) with current PCSA worker manuals that are not updated to reflect the 2023 Ohio Revised Code definition of abused child as including victims of disseminating materials or performances that are harmful to juveniles.
4. The Screening Guidelines promote dangerous screen-in and screen-out example referrals of child sexual abuse. Referrals involving child pornography would seem to have very high barriers of acceptance while those involving rape may be refused. These examples are promoted statewide.
5. The Screening Guidelines and county MOUs should be reviewed by all partners with the public and press to avoid unwitting approval of screening promoting sexual abuse risk to *ALL* Ohio children.
6. Please contact me by email with any questions or concerns. I can also be reached at 330-715-5777.

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