ACLU of Ohio Positions

**ISSUE 2, MARIJUANA LEGALIZATION**
- Supported Issue 2 and ending the War on Drugs.

**DEATH PENALTY**
- Supports death penalty abolition.

**CASH BAIL**
- Seeks to reduce reliance on cash bail and our broken two-tiered system of justice.

**YOUTH BINDOVER**
- Seeks to ensure Ohio's youth remain in the youth justice system.

**Matthew Ahn (D) CHALLENGER**
- No public stance as of February 13, 2024.

**Michael O'Malley (D) INCUMBENT**
- No public stance as of February 14, 2024.

**DEATH PENALTY**
- Opposes use of the death penalty. "Defendants found guilty of serious violent crimes must be held accountable, but the death penalty is a failed policy. By every measure it has not delivered its intended results. It is costly, difficult to enact, and does not deter crime."

- "We have not had a capital case in Cuyahoga County in over four years. But I can tell you this: If we have a mass shooting with mass casualties? My guess is you'd probably see it again."

**CASH BAIL**
- "Cash bail makes us all less safe. The alternative is to decide who is kept in jail before trial by determining if they are a threat to public safety or a flight risk, rather than how much money they have access to."

- In 2019, O'Malley signed a Signed Bail Bond Policy. This policy stated that "This office will not seek cash bonds, nor will the Office object to a non-cash bond, in nonviolent F5 or F4 cases absent information that the offender presents a risk to the safety of individual person(s) or to the community."

**YOUTH BINDOVER**
- "I will provide extensive support structures for traumatized children, instead of sending them to adult prisons."

- Argues that a moratorium "ignore[s] the will of the victims" and would be "a violation of the constitution."

- "These aren't like kids stealing Hyundais and Kias, these are individuals with guns who are causing havoc and causing a lot of damage in the community."
Matthew Ahn (D) 
CHALLENGER

Education
- New York University School of Law, J.D.

Work Experience
Current role:
- Cleveland State University School of Law, visiting professor

Past experience:
- Public Defender for the Northern District of Ohio
- Appellate Fellow for the Center of Appellate Litigation
- Sinsheimer Children’s Rights Fellow

Publicly Available Endorsements (as of 2/13/24)
- Full list of endorsements

Michael O’Malley (D) 
INCUMBENT

Education
- Cleveland Marshall School of Law, J.D.

Work Experience
Current role:
- Cuyahoga County Prosecutor

Past experience:
- Cuyahoga County Assistant Director of Public Utilities
- Parma Assistant Director of Law
- Cleveland Councilman for Ward 16

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Full methodology is viewable at ACLUOhio.org/ProsecutorProfiles

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