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AG Candidate Jeff Crossman Slams AG Yost for Lying About 10-year-old Rape Victim and Demands Apology from Yost for Preventing Urgently Needed Healthcare

AG Yost immediately rushed to court to impose a six-week abortion ban in Ohio following the decision to overturn Roe, ultimately forcing a ten-year-old girl to leave Ohio. He then lied about whether this happened to national press. Meanwhile, Rep. Crossman offers reasonable policy solutions to protect victims.

Columbus, OH - In response to AG Yost's recent attack on a 10-year-old rape victim, State Representative and Ohio Attorney General candidate Jeff Crossman issued the following statement:

“After implementing a six-week abortion ban without exemptions for rape or incest, Dave Yost rushed to get himself on national tv to criticize the story of a 10-year-old rape victim, calling the story a ‘fabrication,’” said Rep. Crossman. **“Dave Yost should be ashamed – not only for calling a 10-year-old rape victim a liar, but for helping to create the circumstances that prevented her from getting the critical healthcare she needed in the first place. Yost must immediately apologize to this young girl, her family and all Ohioans and start working to roll back this harmful policy that helped make a terrible tragedy even worse.”**

Yost also falsely claimed there is an exception that would have allowed this victim to receive the care she needed, this is false. Ohio's six week abortion ban offers no exceptions for minors, and no exceptions for rape or incest.

While Yost attacks victims, Rep. Crossman has offered viable steps for what the Attorney Generals office could do to protect victims of rape, including:

- **Providing accurate information for Ohioans on their legal rights related to reproductive care, including providing out of state resources should people seek to travel to secure the medical care they need.**
- Protecting the privacy of patients, including patient/doctor confidentiality and cyber privacy from government overreach.

- **Honoring local prosecutors' decisions against prosecuting Ohioans for crimes associated with their reproductive or medical rights and refusing to override local prosecutorial decisions.**
- Pledging to refuse to dedicate Bureau of Criminal Investigations (BCI) resources - which are directly overseen by the Attorney General's office - toward supporting abortion related prosecutions.
- Supporting the effort for a ballot initiative to settle this issue in Ohio, including a swift review of the ballot language for approval and defending activists' efforts to acquire the requisite signatures to get the issue on the ballot.

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