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Brown Voices Support of Issue 2 in Columbus

Columbiana County Recorder Craig Brown voiced his support for Issue 2 recently at a meeting of the Ohio Democratic Party Executive Committee. Brown, an elected member of the body, made the motion for the Ohio Democratic Party to endorse Issue 2.

Issue two is a proposed constitutional amendment that will require Ohio to create a Livestock Care Standards Board. The board will "prescribe standards for animal care and well-being that endeavor to maintain food safety, encourage locally grown and raised food, and protect Ohio farm and families."

Thirteen Ohio residents will represent the board. The composition of the board will consist of Ohio family farmers, farming organizations, food safety experts, veterinarians, consumers, and the dean of the agriculture department at The Ohio State University.

"The intent of the proposed amendment is to make sure Ohioans establish their own rules regarding live-stock well-being by preventing out of state interests from established rules we don't agree with," stated Brown.

Brown's motion to endorse Issue two did cause some discussion regarding the matter but still passed by a comfortable margin.

In recent years several states have passed referendums regarding farming that have proven to be burdensome on both farmers and consumers.

He added, "this amendment will allow Ohioans to keep creating rules for Ohioans."

The proposed constitutional amendment has also been supported by the Ohio Farm Bureau, Governor Ted Strickland, and by both Democratic and Republican members of the state legislature.

Craig Brown has served as a member of the Ohio Democratic Party Executive Committee since 2004 and was also elected to the Ohio Democratic Party State Central Committee the same year. As a state central committeeman, Brown represents Democrats in Columbiana, Jefferson, Belmont, Harrison, and part of Tuscarawas County. He is a member of the Columbiana County Farm Bureau is serving his fifth year as county recorder.