



*Farewell remarks from outgoing Chair O'Neill, June 22, 2024*

Many thanks to the volunteers and staff who have served our party day in and day out. I'd like to give a special thank you to Theres Laucks, Jared Mellot, and Laura Shue for your selfless service in keeping the GOP open for business in York County. Thank you to our previous Vice-Chair, Holly Kelley, as well as our current Vice-Chair CJ Weigle. Your service, support, and perspective have been invaluable.

As many of you know, I have decided not to run for another term as Chair. This was a difficult decision for me to make. However, with multiple commitments competing for finite slices of my time, I feel I am unable to effectively lead the party which is not fair to any of us. I'm grateful to those who have stepped up to take the reins as we move forward in this most critical election year.

I'll leave you with some comments on how crucial this election is to our country. We **MUST** carry the day across the board in November to restore a meaningful life for all our citizens; a life in which they are allowed to develop and pursue meaningful life for all our citizens; a life in which they are allowed to develop and pursue their dreams and achieve their goals without the constant interference and over-taxation of a big spending, big brother government.

All of us here are committed to these ideals and united in our goal of victory in November. We must get everyone out to vote, no excuses! Pennsylvania is the Keystone State, and in this election, Pennsylvania will most likely decide the Presidency and control of the Senate. **York County holds over 160,000 Republican votes!** These voters are the key to winning Pennsylvania for Trump and for McCormick in the Senate, but we must ensure they show up at the polls.

To achieve this goal, I share with you something Reagan stated in 1967 that is true now more than ever: *"It is the duty and responsibility of the volunteer Republican organizations, not to further divide, but to lead the way to unity. It is not your duty, responsibility, or privilege to tear down, or attempt to destroy, others in the tent. As duly chartered Republican organizations, we can all advance our sectarianism or brand of candidates for the party to pass on openly and freely in a primary election."*

As the primaries conclude, it is time to unify and support **ALL** our republican candidates. We must or the party withers and dies, and then freedom as we know it will die with it.

I leave you with gratitude and thanks for allowing me to serve these last two years. I also leave you with a challenge to move forward United together towards **Victory in November!**

Farewell and God Bless you, York County, Pennsylvania, **and The United States of America!**