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**The Matriots Endorses First Candidate: Kathleen Clyde for Ohio Secretary of State**  
*Statewide nonpartisan PAC, focused on electing more women to office, to announce more primary endorsements in coming weeks*

COLUMBUS, OH – The Matriots, a nonpartisan Ohio political action committee focused on electing more women to Ohio public office, has announced the endorsement of its first candidate - Kathleen Clyde for Ohio Secretary of State. The Matriots will announce in the coming weeks several more primary election endorsements for state and local offices.

“We are proud to support Kathleen Clyde as an example of the kind of woman we seek to endorse for political office in Ohio,” said Sally Crane Cox, Matriots chair and treasurer. “As Ohio’s Secretary of State, she would be in a unique position to help us achieve our mission of supporting an economy in which women can prosper and thrive.”

The Matriots PAC considers endorsement applications from Ohio women candidates, regardless of party affiliation, who support and embrace the belief that the health and safety of females are fundamental to the well-being of families, the community, and the country. It is seeking to endorse qualified candidates who will enthusiastically accept Matriots support and demonstrate an ability to conduct a robust, competitive campaign. To support Clyde in her campaign, the Matriots also have made a \$10,000 contribution to her campaign along with their endorsement.

"I'm honored to be the first endorsed candidate of The Matriots, an inspiring group of women and men who have recognized the need to elect more women leaders and foster an environment in Ohio where women can thrive economically," said Kathleen Clyde. "As Secretary of State I will support this important mission by working to make sure our elections are secure, our districts are fair, every voice is heard and every vote is counted."

Founded in May 2017, The Matriots is a nonpartisan state political action committee focused on electing more Ohio women to public office who will promote an economy in which all women can thrive and prosper. Through a successful “quiet” campaign, the PAC raised over \$750,000 in contributions, pledges and in-kind support in just six months and continues to grow. Its members are women and men: Democrats, Republicans, and independents; Ohioans and out-of-staters. More information about the PAC can be found at [MatriotsOhio.com](http://MatriotsOhio.com).

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