

克利夫蘭民衆醫療服務圓桌會議



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(本報訊)4月19日,在 University Hospital 舉辦了一次圓桌會議,國會議員 Shontel Brown 主持了會議。會議主要就 2020 年凱霍加縣是全美嬰兒死亡率最高的縣之一進行討論。當天出席會議的有克利夫蘭新任市長 Justin Bibb, 市議員 Blaine Griffin 克利夫蘭醫院醫學博士 Tomislav Mihaljevic, 首席執行官兼總裁, 有關人士表示克利夫蘭醫院將為就醫民衆提供更好的服務。當日還有克利夫蘭基金會, 俄亥俄州東北部的醫療保健領導人等就母嬰健康和兒童鉛中毒問題進行了討論。

兒, 並為全國大部分醫療保健設施提供資金。政府將努力解決與懷孕相關的死亡率和發病率危機。

Shontel Brown 表示: 她在國會的第一周, 眾議員支持她通過兩黨基礎設施法, 由拜登總統簽署成為法律的基礎設施法將為俄亥俄州東北部帶來高薪的工會工作, 並為俄亥俄州提供 90 億美元用於修復道路, 12 億美元用於現代化公共交通, 14 億美元用於為家庭提供清潔水, 以及 1 億美元擴大高速互聯網接入。

Shontel Brown 一直是國會的聯盟建設者, 跨黨派工作, 引入立法以改善退伍軍人健康狀況。

克利夫蘭市長和議員也積極表示, 一定配合提高克利夫蘭的民衆的

生活質量, 議員表示: 目前克利夫蘭學校的學生基本都得到政府的補貼和免費醫療保險。

Shontel Brown 還與其它組織共同發起了一項立法, 以保護俄亥俄州工人免受不公平貿易行為的影響, 提高最低工資, 並為所有人提供負擔得起的醫療保健。在國會, Shontel Brown 正在繼承她的導師和前任住房和城市發展部長瑪西婭·福吉的遺產。

Shontel Brown 國會議員還說: 佩洛西議長的堅韌和才華令人鼓舞, 她的立法技巧令人矚目。她期待繼續與佩洛西議長合作, 加強俄亥俄州東北部的經濟, 讓人們能更輕鬆地負擔起自己的生活。

Shontel Brown 國會議員服務於俄亥俄州第 11 選區, 包括阿克倫、克利夫蘭及其東郊。在 2021 年 11 月宣誓加入國會之前, 她曾擔任凱霍加縣會議員。她建立了全縣 911 短信系統; 撰寫了宣佈種族主義為公共衛生危機的兩黨法案; 努力終止未投標的政府合同; 並保護居民免受鉛中毒。

圖: Shontel Brown 與伊利華報浦瑛社長



Local woman is robbed of almost \$300,000 in scam

By: Better Business Bureau Serving Greater Cleveland



BBB Serving Greater Cleveland is warning people to watch out for signs of tech support scams after a woman in Mayfield Heights lost almost \$300,000 in a scam. The 72-year-old victim's case is so serious, even the Department of Justice has become involved.

The victim clicked on a pop-up window which gave her a number to call. The pop up said calling the number would help her secure bank accounts that had been hacked. Once the victim called, she spoke to many different people. Every person she spoke to called themselves part of the Microsoft fraud team. The scammers even gave the victim fake security identification numbers.

The scammers convinced the victim to go to Citizens Bank four separate times and send varying amounts to the scammer. The bank teller questioned the victim on one of her visits. The teller continued to transfer the money when the victim said they still wanted it sent.

BBB Serving Greater Cleveland offers the following tips to protect yourself:

Look out for warning screens. Nearly half of tech support scams begin with an alert on the victim's computer screen. This pop-up will have a phone number to call for help. Instead, disconnect from the internet and wi-fi connection by shutting off the device and restarting it with an antiviral scan.

Real tech support companies don't make unsolicited phone calls. A popular way for thieves to get in touch with victims is by calling. The callers often claim to be from a tech company. Scammers can fake their numbers to look like official-looking phone numbers, so don't trust Caller ID.

Beware of sponsored links. When searching online for tech support, look out for sponsored ads at the top of the results list. Many of these links lead to businesses that scam consumers.

Avoid clicking on links in unfamiliar emails. Scammers also use email to reach victims. These messages point consumers to scam websites that display pop-ups with fake warnings and phone numbers.

Do your research. Research tech support companies online at BBB.org learn more about the company, read customer reviews, and more.

Questions Reach out to your BBB at 216.413.5232 or email mybbb@cleveland.bbb.org. For more news and tips visit BBB.org.

HARVEST OF OH OFFICIALLY VERTICALLY INTEGRATED

Ariane Kirkpatrick is the first female and Black, majority owner of a vertically integrated cannabis company in Ohio

CLEVELAND - Harvest of OH is officially vertically integrated as of April 13, 2022, making Ariane Kirkpatrick, a trailblazer in business development, the first female and Black, majority owner of a vertically integrated cannabis company in Ohio. Vertical integration describes a company which controls every stage of the production path - growing, dispensing, and processing.

Kirkpatrick's journey into the cannabis industry began in 2017 when she was awarded provisional licenses to dispense, grow and process medical marijuana. In 2021, after building the company's infrastructure, and receiving certificates of operation, Kirkpatrick opened three medical marijuana dispensaries: Harvest of Columbus, Harvest of Athens, and Harvest of Beavercreek.

Each dispensary sells a variety of cannabis flower, vaporizers, concentrates, edibles, tinctures, topicals and accessories. More than 9,000 patients have visited the dispensaries. Also in 2021, Harvest of OH opened Harvest Grows, a state-of-the-art greenhouse facility located in Ironton, Ohio.

Kirkpatrick recognized the importance of Harvest of OH being family owned and operated and enlisted the expertise of her family. The Harvest of OH executive leadership team is a diverse group of individuals, family included all with the same mission, to improve lives through the goodness of cannabis. The team includes Ariane Kirkpatrick, President & CEO; Amonica Davis, COO; Kris Kirkpatrick, CFO; Ali Kirkpatrick, Chief Strategy Officer; Jonathan Oswick, Director of Facilities; Nicole McKinney-Johnson, Director of Human Resources; Keya Kellum, Director of Mar-

keting; Kevin Lowery, Jr., Director of Compliance; Jeane Holley, Community & Public Relations Specialist; Jalen Davis, Strategic Business Liaison; John Davis, III, Brand Communication Strategist; Felicia Davis, Executive Assistant to the CEO; and Jazmine Couch, Executive Assistant to the COO.

"Having a diverse team is a priority of mine with just over 50% of our 75 employees being women and people of color. Our plan is to shape the future of the cannabis industry as we advocate for equity, inclusion, and social justice, especially for those that are overrepresented in the penal system for marijuana offenses and underrepresented in careers in cannabis," says Kirkpatrick.

In March 2022, Harvest of

OH brought its own, cultivated, and harvested flower to market: Rom Widow (Hybrid), Apple Fritter (Hybrid), Cake Crusher (Hybrid), Space Gello (Hybrid), Pirate Breath (Hybrid), Sunset Sherbet (Hybrid), and GG4 (Hybrid). Harvest flower can now be found in Harvest of OH's three dispensaries and is rolling out to other dispensaries across the state. Soon to follow are solventless concentrates manufactured in the most recently licensed processing vertical.



致 Tim Ryan 競選團隊的一封公開信

我們是美國亞裔和太平洋島裔及其同盟的社區領袖、教師、家庭成員、勞工、專業人士、小企業主、議員、學生、作家、藝術家以及普通民衆。我們對民主黨眾議員、參議員候選人 Tim Ryan 近日發佈的耗資三百三十萬美元的電視廣告“一個詞”感到極爲失望。在此廣告中, Ryan 議員反復提到“中國”一詞, 聲稱中國政府是美國勞工“失業和物價上漲”的罪魁禍首。他將美中關係描述成你死我活的生死角力, 並宣稱: “我們反擊的時候到了。你是我們在這場戰鬥中最好的武器。”

我們完全贊同應當關注俄亥俄州勞動人民的迫切需要, 改革參議院的優先事項, 我們也理解對中國政府的合理批評是正當而必要的。但是, 這種靠誇大中國威脅來煽動民衆的恐懼和憤怒的做法是危險且不可接受的。這一做法更不利於民主黨贏得俄亥俄州參院席位。對右翼民族主義投其所好、助長反華仇恨, 不僅會讓 Ryan 在十一月的選舉中丟掉選票, 同時也背棄了俄亥俄州人口增長最快的少數族裔。這則“一個詞”廣告孤立的不僅僅是亞裔和太平洋島裔, 更激怒了更多進步和反對種族主義的選民。如果繼續堅持這種立場, 居于兩黨中間的搖擺選民終將被推入右翼的懷抱, 而這必將會威脅到民主黨建立多族裔共同進步聯盟、吸納更多有活力年輕人的未來。這種做法不僅是偏激的, 而且是極爲沒有遠見的。

這條廣告有意無意地利用了美國社會長期以來對華裔、亞裔的種族偏見以及對於華裔、亞裔的妖魔化敘事, 這種言論近來被極右翼的共和黨人使用, 企圖通過煽動恐懼來發動選民。Ryan 議員用這種右翼敘事支撐自己的競選活動, 表明瞭他不關心亞裔和太平洋島民正在遭受的暴力, 也不關注導致俄亥俄州勞工當前困境的源頭問題。這條廣告是在爲壓迫傷害世界各地勞工的大型企業開脫責任, 將勞工面臨的經濟困難完全歸因于中

國。這種政治策略的運用在歷史上屢見不鮮。美國歷史上, 政客常常將企業老闆損害勞工權益的行爲所製造的社會問題歸咎於亞洲國家和亞洲人, 而無辜的個人往往因此受到歧視和迫害。1982 年



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底特律被殺害的陳果仁和十九世紀中期西岸城市發生的諸多規模排華事件就是其中的兩個例子。

仇視華裔、亞裔的歷史遺留至今。當前, 右翼將 COVID-19 在美國造成的危機歸咎於中國, 使針對華裔或被誤認爲是華裔的種族騷擾和暴力事件激增。

不管 Ryan 議員本意如何, 這則“一個詞”廣告所傳達的語氣和信息將不可避免地加劇針對生活在俄亥俄州的亞裔和太平洋島民的暴力。就在去年, 俄亥俄州代頓市的一家越南夫妻店被人縱火, 並且被

惡意塗鴉上“中國病毒去死”、“中國去死”而不得不關門歇業。2020 年至 2021 年, 針對亞裔的仇恨犯罪增長了 339%。根據“停止針對亞裔與太平洋島民的仇恨 (Stop AAPI Hate)”的調查, 2020 年 3 月到 2021 年 12 月期間, 全美亞裔和太平洋島民共報告了 10905 宗仇恨事件,

其中, Ryan 議員所在的俄亥俄州就有 128 起。全美針對亞裔和太平洋島裔的仇恨事件中近 2/3 的受害者是女性, 10% 是兒童。儘管仇恨事件的報告數目已經達到歷史最高水平, 我們認爲仍有大量仇恨事件未得到報告和統計。原因主要在於亞裔和太平洋島裔社區因遭受歧視與仇恨而恐慌、羞耻, 並對如何應對仇恨事件缺乏認識。

2021 年, Ryan 議員自己公開聲稱支持“停止針對亞裔的歧視”運動。但“一個詞”廣告里強硬的反華宣傳策略直接削弱了這一運動的力量, 並使亞裔和太平洋島民更加可能成爲仇恨事件的目標。我們呼籲 Ryan 議員立刻撤銷“一個詞”的競選廣告, 並在競選中不再使用任何民族主義、煽動排外的語言。我們呼籲支持 Ryan 議員競選參議員的組織公開反對這一廣告。同時, 我們也呼籲任何其它競選團隊、競選策劃公司停止運用類似的煽動恐懼和利用排外仇恨的競選策略。

歷史上, 成功的勞工運動有賴於多族裔、多運動間的團結合作。而今, 大企業正在破壞保護勞工權益的工會力量, 伴隨着這一現象的是史無前例的針對各種被邊緣化群體的仇恨事件。將美國執政者和在 2021 年獲得空前利潤的美國大企業的責任轉嫁於其他國家以及生活在美國的少數族裔身上, 這是右翼“狗哨”政治的慣常伎倆。我們絕不支持 Tim Ryan 競選團隊這一種極不負責任的做法。

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