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Knox County Republican Chairman Calls On Drenda Keesee To Resign

Mount Vernon, Ohio (November 6, 2026) - Knox County Republican Chairman Fred Dailey called upon Drenda Keesee to resign from her elected position as Knox County Commissioner following the trial and conviction of her son, Gary Keesee Jr., on 27 counts of rape and sexual assault. Sworn testimony from multiple juvenile victims, including Commissioner Keesee's own daughter, indicate that Drenda Keesee was aware of many of these criminal acts and her son's sexual proclivities, yet failed to disclose these crimes and abuses to authorities.

Commissioner Keesee was elected to her position in November of 2024. The first allegation of wrongdoing was made to a Knox County Deputy Sheriff in January of 2025. During her tenure as County Commissioner, Drenda Keesee has missed many official Commissioner meetings, including 21 so far this year.

"Overturning the will of the electorate is not a casual request," notes Dailey. "Commissioner Keesee's failure to disclose her son's crimes and her performance as a Commissioner do not reflect the integrity and high standards we expect of our elected officials. I'm calling upon Commissioner Keesee to resign her elected position immediately."

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