



Memorandum

To: Interested parties

From: Future Majority

Subject: This week in the states

Three things to know this week that happened outside the Beltway:

- In voicing support for the sweeping anti-corruption H.R. 1 For the People bill that House Democrats passed overwhelmingly on March 8, the editorial board of the [The Palm Beach Post](#) in **Florida** did not mince words: *Blocking H.R. 1, the GOP Seems Afraid of Democracy*.
- Trump marked his 10th visit to **Ohio** since taking office, with a rally at an Army tank plant in Lima, Ohio this week. During his speech, Trump continued his verbal assault on the memory of John McCain and attacks on UAW Local 1112 President David Green, blaming him for the closing of the Lordstown GM plant. ([link](#))
- This [Morning Consult](#) tracking poll of Trump shows that since taking office, Trump's net approval rating in **Ohio** has dropped 19 percentage points in the state he won by eight points. Morning Consult found that 50 percent of Ohioans now say they disapprove of Trump, compared with 45 percent who like the job he has done. ([link](#))

Elsewhere in the states:

- A Wisconsin judge on Thursday blocked several pieces of legislation statehouse Republicans passed in December in an effort to limit the power of the incoming Democratic governor. The judge ruled that the GOP power grab, conducted during a two-day "extraordinary session," was unconstitutional. Republican legislative leaders said they will appeal the ruling. ([link](#))
- General Motors issued a press release saying GM and UAW Vice President Terry Dittes accompanied by federal, state and local officials, will make a major announcement Friday morning, March 22 at GM's Orion Assembly Plant in Lake Orion, **Michigan** regarding a "major new investment focused on development of GM future technologies." ([link](#))

2020 Presidential Battleground State Travels & News:

- Swing voters in **Wisconsin** appear to be tiring of Trump, according to a [focus group](#) of WI voters who supported Barack Obama in 2012 and Donald Trump in 2016. Trump won



Wisconsin by roughly 22,000 votes, and swing voters were key to his victory. Those same voters now say they are sick of Trump, getting tired of his lies and treatment of people. It will be difficult for Trump to win WI again relying just on his base. ([link](#))

- Beto O'Rourke was in Cleveland, **Ohio** this week and criticized Trump's bashing of UAW Local 1112 President David Green. ([link](#))
- Trump will hold a MAGA rally Thursday, March 28 in Grand Rapids, **Michigan**. ([link](#))

2019 Elections

- Democrat Eric Giddens won a special election to the **Iowa** State Senate this week, boosting morale for Democrats who are in a minority in both legislative chambers. Giddens will represent Senate District 30 in northeast Iowa, which includes Cedar Falls, Hudson and parts of Waterloo. ([link](#))

Giddens' campaign benefited from 10 Democratic presidential candidates that either campaigned for him in person or recorded video GOTV messages, sent staff, etc. Not surprisingly, local Republicans blasted Giddens for standing "arm in arm with D.C. socialists." ([link](#))

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