

Judy Hanna for state senator

One word. Judy Hanna, candidate for the Ohio Senate, was forced by parade organizers in Stow to cover up one word on her banner or be excluded from their parade. And for this, her opponent, Kevin Coughlin, now labels her a criminal, a "lawbreaker."

Personally, I think it's criminal that Coughlin has spent 10 years in the Ohio legislature, collecting pay from taxpayers but doing nothing to halt the economic decline of this state.

And it's criminal that Coughlin and his Republican cronies have ignored four Ohio Supreme Court rulings on more equitable public-school funding. The result has been higher property taxes and a constant stream of levy issues to raise school taxes.

And it's criminal that Coughlin has received generous campaign contributions from the health-care industry but has done nothing to make quality health care affordable, or even available, for all Ohioans.

With a record like that, it's not surprising that Coughlin is reduced to schoolyard taunts. Senator, I have two words for you: Grow up. And here's two more: good riddance.

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