

## **Ohio's Good Green Jobs Pledge**

Ohio will see strong economic growth and a revival in manufacturing through development of a green energy economy that produces clean energy, environmentally sound technologies, and jobs for all in Ohio. We must act now to restore Ohio's economy and in the process help in the fight to stop and reverse climate change, and secure a just, healthy and environmentally sustainable future.

### **AS GOVERNMENT LEADERS WE WILL PRIORTIZE ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND A SAFE ENVIRONMENT BY COMMITTING TO:**

- Calling for fair trade policies and rejecting current “free” trade policies as bad for workers and the environment. As Ohio strives to cut its carbon emissions to reverse climate change and create good jobs, success demands that we promote fair trade policies that ensure that companies here and abroad are held to the highest standards for workers rights and environmental protections.
- Promoting practices that encourage purchasing local and recycled materials and fair labor standards in government contracts.

**We cannot successfully reduce our carbon emissions in Ohio, and foster new economic growth while simultaneously remaining silent on unfair trade policies that exports Ohio's jobs and create increase of carbon emissions abroad.**

- Creating or advocating for incentives for local governments to develop concrete strategies that foster jobs which improve both our economy and environment.
- Increasing demand for green-collar jobs with policies, investment, and incentives that expand the market for jobs within industries that move us towards energy independence, curb greenhouse-gas emissions, eliminate toxins, and protect natural systems:
  - Demanding that electric utilities meet state mandated energy efficiency targets without creating loopholes.
  - Advocating for consistent monitoring and verification programs for Ohio's efficiency goals.
  - Advocating for fair incentives for homeowners, businesses, manufacturers and utilities to invest in energy efficiency improvements.

**Green-collar job creation must be a central strategy for advancing environmental, economic, and climate protection goals ensuring a healthy environment and a strong economy for our families and our future. These jobs must pay good wages and provide opportunities for training and career advancement.**

- Providing grant opportunities for existing green training and green union apprenticeship programs that provide job seekers with “pathways out of poverty” and family-supporting, career-track jobs.
- Ensuring that everyone in Ohio, or your local community, has access to affordable green certification and training programs through the community and state college networks.

**Green-collar job creation should provide pathways out of poverty and strengthen Ohio's middle-class. Studies show most green jobs are middle-skill jobs requiring more education than high school, but less than a four-year degree. These jobs are well within reach of many workers as long as they are accompanied by effective training and support programs. By participating in the effort to stop and reverse climate change Ohio can create new opportunities that enable low-income people to take the first step toward economic self-sufficiency and ensure a safe environment for all of our children.**

**AS A GOVERNMENT LEADER, I PLEDGE to uphold the priorities outlined above:**

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