

Rebuilding Ohio from the Ground Up: Ten Ways Ohio Democrats are Renewing Ohio's Promise

Ohio families and our entire nation are in the midst of the worst economic mess in 70 years. And that mess was caused by broken promises from Republican politicians who told us if we just gave Wall Street and the wealthy free reign and big tax giveaways, prosperity would trickle down to the rest of us.

Instead of this failed, top-down approach, Ted Strickland and Ohio Democrats are rebuilding the promise of Ohio from the ground up. Strickland and Ohio Democrats are reforming and investing in education to make sure all Ohioans can get good jobs. While some states spent themselves into huge budget holes that now require job-killing tax hikes and even teacher layoffs, Ohio Democrats chose a different path. They held the line on taxes, made tough choices to cut the size of government and protected education investments so that our businesses can create jobs. And they are investing in growing industries like alternative energy, logistics, aerospace and aviation, and medical research.

#1: Fixing Ohio Schools

Governor Strickland and Ohio Democrats passed education reforms that will teach our young people the skills they need to get good jobs. Fully implemented, the share of state education spending will go from 48% to 61%. And the plan expands all-day kindergarten, rewards the best teachers, encourages higher education, directs resources to the districts most in need and expands professional development and support for new teachers.



#2: A Tax Cut for Every Senior Homeowner in the State

Governor Strickland and Ohio Democrats lowered property taxes for every senior citizen homeowner in the state, saving the typical senior citizen homeowner 400 dollars a year.



#3: Health Care Access for All Ohio Children

Democrats passed and Governor Strickland signed a bill that guarantees access to affordable health care for every child in Ohio, regardless of their family's income or background, and the state is working to make it happen. Democrats and Governor Strickland implemented market reforms that will expand access to coverage to an estimated 109,000 uninsured adults as well.



#4: Ohio Stimulus Bill Will Create 50,000 New Jobs

Democrats passed a \$1 billion stimulus program in 2008 that is rebuilding Ohio's infrastructure and investing in Ohio's jobs of the future, including alternative energy and transportation. The Ohio Job Stimulus Plan is expected to create 50,000 new jobs.



#5: Ohio a National Leader in Green Energy Manufacturing

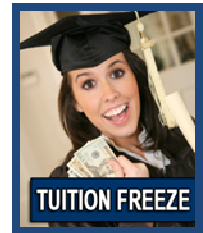
Governor Strickland proposed and signed legislation requiring that 25 percent of all of Ohio's electricity be produced from advanced energy sources, such as wind and solar, by 2025. This gives Ohio the 3rd most aggressive advanced energy portfolio requirement in the country and will bring thousands of new "green collar" jobs to Ohio. This year, Ohio was rated number one in the nation in alternative energy manufacturing.



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#6: Making College Affordable

While other states have drastically hiked tuition at their public colleges, Democrats made Ohio the only state to freeze tuition for two straight years for all public colleges and universities – this after a decade where average increases were nine percent a year. Governor Strickland also worked with colleges and universities to enact caps on tuition increases. The result is the slowest four-year rate of tuition growth since the 1960s.



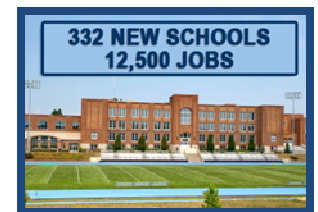
#7: Helping Small Business Create Jobs by Cutting Red Tape

Democratic leaders have created new and expanded opportunities for Ohio's small businesses, including women- and minority-owned businesses, by streamlining more than 1,000 regulations to be more growth-friendly while at the same time protecting consumers.



#8: 12,500 Jobs Created Building 332 New Schools for Ohio Children

Led by Governor Strickland, Democrats have set aside more than \$4 billion for school construction. This program is building 332 new "green" schools across the state and creating more than 12,500 high-paying jobs – all without a penny of debt. This fund has been called a "genuinely bright idea" and "a bold step."



#9: Holding Fraudsters Accountable

Democrats, led by Ohio Attorney General Richard Cordray, continue to protect Ohioans' financial security by aggressively holding accountable Wall Street companies and executives who harm Ohio investors, retirees, workers and families through securities law violations. He's recovered well over a billion dollars so far and is also working to prevent foreclosures and stop financial predators.



#10: Protecting Ohioans' Financial Security

Ohio Treasurer Kevin L. Boyce received national attention for helping provide Ohio residents with the financial education they need to make smart choices for themselves and their families. He's linked higher interest rates on savings accounts for those who complete financial training, as well as focused on protecting and expanding opportunities for small businesses.



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