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THE FITZGERALD PLAN FOR AN OHIO
NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

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INVESTING IN OHIO'S ENERGY ECONOMY



On June 1st, Governor Kasich set Ohio back by signing HB 158. This legislation will cost Ohioans jobs, increase utility prices, and weaken our environment. Repealing HB 158 is not enough to reverse the damaging effects of the legislation. To build up Ohio's new energy economy, we have to reassure the new energy industry that Ohio's business climate isn't going to change with each new governor. We must also ensure that Ohio's new energy economy is developed and targeted in such a way that all Ohioans benefit through lower utility prices, cleaner energy, and more jobs.

"As Cuyahoga County Executive, I've seen the power of Lake Erie to create hundreds of new jobs for the future. On energy and the environment, Governor Kasich is responsible for taking Ohio backward. My administration will work to ensure Ohio supports our traditional energy industries, protects our natural resources, and aggressively grows Ohio's new energy jobs."

– Ed FitzGerald

The Kasich Administration Has Failed To Lead

And It Has Cost Ohioans Jobs

OPINION LEADERS WEIGH IN

The state must not derail progress on energy efficiency

Cincinnati Enquirer,

The fine print in Senate Bill 5's renewable energy freeze could cost Ohio dearly

Cleveland Plain Dealer,

Bill will increase electricity prices
Ohio Manufacturers Association

The energy age will be one of the great booms of this century, and the proposal is running away from it

Link Corp. resident,

Bill isn't designed to increase our commitment to moving our clean economy forward. It needs to be stopped.

Bob Lyons,

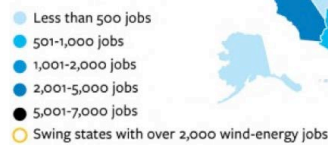
Repealing these standards puts Ohio behind and does not position us for the future.

Mayor Frank Jackson,

KASICH'S PLAN MOVES OHIO BACK

Wind-Energy Jobs

In 2011, Illinois, Iowa, and Texas had the most wind-energy jobs, with each state having between 6,001 and 7,000. Delaware, Mississippi, Montana, and Nevada each had less than 100 jobs.



"Gov. Kasich has walked away from his commitment to renewable energy. He and the legislature are creating an unfriendly business environment in Ohio. "Legislators rammed through restrictive rules without due process, and millions of dollars already invested based on the previous set of rules may now be lost without any public debate. This will force clean energy developers and manufacturers to move to neighboring states with similar resources and friendlier business climates."

- Tom Kiernan, AWEA CEO

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THE PROBLEM

Bill faced strong objections from a cross section of organizations such as the Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Honda, and Catholic Bishops of Ohio because Ohio's new energy policies have already been a huge boon to our state's economy and middle class. Even utility companies, with the exception of First Energy, declined to take a public position on the issue.

Under John Kasich, Ohio Is Taking A Giant Step Backward.

Higher Utility Prices

Since Ohio's renewable energy and efficiency standards passed in 2011, these goals have saved consumers more than \$1.5 billion on utility bills. In the next 10 years, the standards were projected to save Ohioans nearly half of whom are living paycheck to paycheck \$1.5 billion more. At a time when our country's income inequality is wider than ever before, renewable energy and efficiency standards save middle class consumers millions on utilities and allows them to inject money back into other sectors of the economy.

Fewer Jobs

The law also puts at risk the 10,000 Ohio jobs that have been created since the standards passed 5 years ago not to mention the \$1.5 billion in private sector investment.

This economic success is mirrored in other states that have passed forward thinking energy laws, but all that progress is now at risk with the new law.

In a *New York Times* article on the law's passage, a senior official at the American Council on Renewable Energy explained that, energy markets are highly policy driven. When states and even the federal government continually revisit these policies, it sends a signal of uncertainty. It chills market and investment momentum.

John Kasich is forcing alternative energy companies to reconsider locating in Ohio. Not only is the governor repealing the standards, he is telling new corporations in the wind and solar energy business that Ohio is not interested in moving into the 21st century.

Environmental Concerns

Not only do these renewable energy and efficiency standards protect the natural resources that attract millions in tourism each year, but they also eliminate chemical emissions linked to asthma and other respiratory diseases.

Before the freeze, Ohio was on track to eliminate 1,000 tons of nitrogen oxide, 1,000 tons of sulfur dioxide and 1,000 pounds of mercury being emitted into the air each year. This is especially important given that 10 of Ohio's cities rank in the top 100 worst American cities for particle pollution year round, according to the American Lung Association in 2013.

THE FITZGERALD PLAN

FOR AN OHIO NEW ENERGY ECONOMY

The failure of leadership from Governor Kasich has cost Ohioans jobs, will result in higher energy costs, and weaken environmental standards. The FitzGerald administration will ensure Ohio is in the vanguard of new energy production and investment by taking the following steps

Assure the alternative power community that Ohio is interested in the new technologies and the jobs they bring.

Bringing new energy jobs and technology to Ohio will not only immediately help our economic growth and environment, it will also provide for a new infrastructure that will be ready to grow with new technology through the years. These technologies will come in the form of better and more efficient transportation methods, new ways of fueling our homes and cars, as well as powering our cities.

However, all of that has been put at risk by _____.

A FitzGerald administration will take all necessary steps to assure the alternative power community that Ohio is new energy friendly and that our policies will not change with each new governor.

Encourage research by academics, not-for-profits, and corporate organizations to further advance the alternative energy field.

One critical way to assure the new energy industry that Ohio is in it for the long term is to invest in technological research. Ironically enough, the weekend after the Governor signed _____, the *Columbus Dispatch* noted that Ohio State University's Stone Lab is doing research on reducing conventional energy consumption with an extensive effort in solar energy. The city of Columbus has also invested in several initiatives to make solar energy more accessible and affordable.

Rather than discouraging this investment by independent researchers, the FitzGerald administration will take steps to ensure academics, not for profit organizations, and corporate organizations have the encouragement and resources they need to further advance the alternative energy field.

Propose legislation that would revert the turbine siting language to the former restrictions, prior to HB 483.

Another important step in reassuring the new energy industry is repealing _____ . Under _____ , no wind turbine may be built within _____ ft. plus blade length of the nearest property line. The *Cleveland Plain Dealer* editorial board strongly encouraged Governor Kasich to veto that provision, but the Governor ultimately did not.

Under the new rules set by _____ , the Blue Creek wind farm in Cuyahoga and Paulding counties, which was the largest single investment in Ohio when developed, could have only built a fraction of the _____ turbines it ultimately built.

New wind projects that could bring jobs and revenue are being reconsidered or stalled because of HB 483.

Work with all partners in coal, oil, natural gas, wind, and other energy producers to create new jobs and opportunity for all Ohioans.

A FitzGerald administration understands Ohio must remain committed to our coal, oil, and natural gas production. And yet, Ohio cannot afford to abandon new and emerging technologies while the rest of the country is moving forward.

A FitzGerald administration will work with partners in traditional energy industries to ensure Ohio's environment is protected, jobs are secured, and clean energy is promoted.

Target new energy economic development in areas impacted by loss of coal other traditional energy jobs.

The renewable energy industry creates thousands of family sustaining jobs that, unlike their counterparts, will not disappear as soon as the well dries up. These jobs are also accessible to those with vocational training and provide an outlet for the many in manufacturing whose jobs are increasingly being outsourced.

The FitzGerald administration will target economic development in areas impacted by the industry's move towards new energy and away from more traditional sources. This is the way to move all Ohio citizens forward toward alternative energy sources.

"It's unacceptable that when so many of Ohio's families are just one bad day away from financial disaster, that we're increasing utility costs and reducing job opportunities. Ed and I understand that part of being a leader is embracing the 21st century's changing economy and energy landscape."

– Sharen Neuhardt

Increase opportunities to create more Advanced-Energy Improvement Districts across Ohio.

As mayor of Lakewood, Ed FitzGerald took advantage of a 2008 state law that allows the creation of special improvement districts for energy efficiency. The districts allow individuals and businesses to pool their buying power to invest in green energy projects.

In Lakewood, Ed was able to get several cities to join together to create an Advanced-Energy Improvement District. The successes of this work were seen when he was County Executive and Westin Hotel in Cleveland saved \$400,000 in financing costs on their \$60 million energy efficiency project.

The benefits of Advanced-Energy Improvement Districts are clear. It's tax-deductible, can reduced financing costs, and spaces out payments instead of demanding full payment upfront.

As Governor, Ed would work with the legislature to automate the participation process for communities so that projects could get off the ground faster.