



## STATE REP. TED CELESTE

24th DISTRICT • UPPER ARLINGTON, GRANDVIEW HEIGHTS & PARTS OF COLUMBUS

YOUR STATEHOUSE E-NEWS BULLETIN

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### Dear Constituents,

There are some truly exciting things happening here in Ohio, and it is always gratifying when the rest of the nation recognizes the efforts and innovations being made here in our home state. This is especially true as we struggle to recover from the national recession.

Ohio recently won two major national awards; one for working to create jobs and business opportunities and the other for innovation in education. These are both crucial areas for our future, and I am proud of our state for leading the way nationally in both creating an environment for job creation and education reform.



Ohio is a repeat winner for one of the awards. The state has received Site Selection magazine's fourth consecutive Governor's Cup Award for leading the nation in new and expanded facilities in 2009.

This year marks the eighth time Ohio has been awarded the Governor's Cup since 1993. The award is based on business location projects that involve a capital investment of at least \$1 million, create at least 50 new jobs or add at least 20,000 square feet of new floor area.

Earlier this year, the Education Commission of the States (ECS) honored Ohio as the winner of the 2010 Frank Newman Award for State Innovation.

According to ECS, Ohio's enactment of comprehensive education reform demonstrates the state's commitment to informed, bold and courageous reform. This legislation overhauls nearly every major aspect of the education system, from early learning through post-secondary.

The Newman Award recognizes states and U.S. territories for demonstrated excellence in shaping education policy. Criteria for this award include policies that are bold, courageous and nonpartisan; include the potential for large-scale impact; show evidence of continued support; and are replicable and hold valuable lessons for other states.

I am proud of Ohio for winning these awards, but even more proud of our state for the efforts we have put forth to create innovative policies in crucial areas such as education and job creation.

As always, please do not hesitate to contact me. I always welcome your thoughts, concerns and questions.

Sincerely,

**Ted Celeste**  
**State Representative**

You've probably already gotten your census form in the mail. Hopefully, you've answered the questions and returned it. If not, you may be visited by a Census worker.

Accurate data reflecting changes in your community are crucial in apportioning seats in the U.S. House of Representatives and deciding how more than \$400 billion per year is allocated for projects like new hospitals and schools.

Click [here](#) to read more.



## Rebates for Energy Efficient Appliances Still Available



Do you have an old, inefficient appliance around the house? One using too much energy and costing you too much money?

There is still time to take advantage of a program that may help you. Ohio received \$10.4 million for an Ohio Energy Efficiency Appliance Rebate Program, offering rebates and spurring energy savings to residential customers for select ENERGY STAR® qualified appliances.

Click [here](#) to read more.

## Spotlight: Links to Information on Ohio State Parks

Summer is a great time to get outdoors with your family and enjoy one of Ohio's great state parks!

With over 70 state parks spanning Ohio, each with its own unique charm, there is something for everyone! [Find a park near you.](#)

Are you interested in running, mountain biking, hiking, or horseback riding on scenic trails? Ohio parks have hundreds of miles of trails to chose from. [Choose your trail](#) based on difficulty or miles available.

Each of Ohio's state parks offers [facilities for picnicking](#), in scenic picnic areas. Picnic areas offer tables and grills, and most have water and restroom facilities or latrines.

Ohio state parks offer a variety of accommodations, ranging from rustic camping to luxury lodges. [Make your reservation today!](#)

For more information on all the great activities and amenities in Ohio's state parks, visit the [Ohio Department of Natural Resources](#).

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