



## STATE REP. TED CELESTE

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YOUR STATEHOUSE E-NEWS BULLETIN

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### Dear Neighbors,

The national recession brought on by Wall Street greed has been tough for businesses and families all across the country. In Ohio, we are working to combat the effects of the recession by keeping Ohio's taxes low, providing incentives for businesses to create jobs now and investing in the high growth, high-tech industries of tomorrow.

Over the last four years, Ohioans have seen a 16.8 percent reduction in their state income taxes. The Small Business & Entrepreneurship Council certified Ohio best in the Midwest and 11th nationally for small businesses. Ohio is now just one of two states that do not tax a business' personal property or its corporate profits. Additionally, Ohio's seniors have seen the largest property tax cut in Ohio history as a result of the expansion of the Homestead Property Tax Exemption.



In the House, we have passed a series of job-creating initiatives, such as the Venture Capital Fund, Rapid Outreach Grants, the Technology Investment Tax Credit, the Ohio Loan Fund and the Job Creation / Job Retention Tax Credit. We also created a series of new initiatives like the Sporting Events Incentive Grant, the New Markets Tax Credit and the Film Tax Credit, which has already created \$25 million in economic activity and 3,000 new jobs in Ohio.

I am also pleased that Ohio voters in May agreed to expand and extend the proven, job-creating Ohio Third Frontier Program. Third Frontier is a high-tech jobs program that invests in growing industries like advanced energy, transportation and logistics. It has provided a ten to one return on investment for taxpayers, and it created over 48,000 new jobs.

In addition, we have modernized Ohio's telecommunications laws and passed a Common-Sense Regulatory Reform Act to reduce over-burdensome rules and help small businesses.

I will continue my strong support for ways to strengthen Ohio's economy including further job-creation initiatives because we know these efforts are key to ensuring a brighter future for our families, our businesses and our state.

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

Sincerely,

**Ted Celeste**  
State Representative

## Search Underway for Ohio Veterans



If you are a veteran, the Ohio Department of Veterans Service (ODVS) is searching for you.

You may be eligible for benefits and not even know it.

These benefits may enable a Veteran to pay for higher education, purchase a new home or get help treating a medical condition.

[Click here to read more.](#)

## Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame Honors Civilian Service

The Ohio Veterans Hall of Fame has inducted more than 890 veterans since its inception in 1992.

Each year, an executive committee, made up of representatives from Ohio's veterans organizations, selects 20 inductees from applications received from across the state and nation.

[Click here to read more.](#)



## Bringing Green Jobs and Green Energy to Ohio

Here in Ohio, we are looking forward. We are looking past the national recession and positioning our state to not only recover but thrive by bringing jobs and businesses back within our borders.

State Representatives are focusing their efforts on a powerful new tool that will attract the burgeoning wind and solar energy industry to Ohio while ensuring we create Ohio jobs.

[Click here to read more.](#)



## Spotlight: Links to Information on Ohio's Festivals and Fairs

Summer is great time to experience great food and fun at one of Ohio's many [great festivals](#).

Just a few of the amazing festivals happening across the state include:

### [North Ridgeville Corn Festival](#)

Friday, August 13<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, August 15<sup>th</sup>  
City Hall, North Ridgeville, Lorain County

### [Reynoldsburg Tomato Festival](#)

Friday, August 20<sup>th</sup> to Saturday, August 21<sup>st</sup>  
Huber Park, Reynoldsburg, Franklin County

### [Milan Melon Festival](#)

Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to Monday, Sept. 6<sup>th</sup>  
Intersection of Rt. 250 & Rt. 113, Milan, Erie County

### [Ohio Renaissance Festival](#)

Friday, Sept. 4<sup>th</sup> to Sunday Oct. 17<sup>th</sup>  
10542 E State Route 73, Waynesville, Warren County

### [Ohio River Sternwheel Festival](#)

[Ohio River Steamboat Festival](#)  
Friday, Sept. 10<sup>th</sup> to Sunday, Sept. 12<sup>th</sup>  
Levee Banks, Marietta, Washington County

[County fairs](#) are a prime opportunity to check out local, prize-winning livestock, pets, plants, treats, arts, crafts and more.

[Ohio's State Fair](#) is July 28-August 8 and is the perfect opportunity to check out prize-winners from all across the state. There's a whole slew of [events](#) lined up that will keep each day of the fair interesting. This year's [concert lineup](#) should please the masses, with something fun for everyone.

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