

## Bringing Green Jobs and Green Energy to Ohio

*The Ohio House is fighting to create jobs and position Ohio to lead tomorrow's economy*

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.

Over the past year, the Ohio House passed initiatives to foster jobs, grow Ohio's small businesses and encourage investment in new and emerging industries across the state. Now, 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. As chairman of the Ohio House Alternative Energy

Upon qualifying for the exemption, the facility must also make payments to local school districts and governments in lieu of taxes. These payments, which are based on the number of Ohio residents the project employs and the output of the facility, will ensure a steady stream of revenue for local school districts and governments and make Ohio competitive with states across the nation in bringing advanced energy facilities and jobs to our state.

Not only does the legislation bring green jobs here today, it ensures that we can sustain industry growth down the road. Provisions in the bill support the



Committee, I've been proud to play a role in advancing these efforts.

The House has passed a green jobs bill that incentivizes companies to build their facilities in Ohio. The bill eliminates the tangible personal property tax for companies that commit to building their facilities on Ohio soil and employing our men and women. To qualify, projects must also promise to begin construction by or before January 1, 2012 and be up and running by the end of 2012.

A project's eligibility is dependent in part on employing Ohio workers. All projects, whether wind or solar, are required to use Ohio workers to make up at least 50 percent of their labor force.

education and training of tomorrow's renewable energy workforce. Large-scale wind and solar facilities who benefit from the tax exemption are required to partner with an Ohio college or university to give those enrolled in those institutions the resources they need to secure a successful future in the renewable energy industry.

The legislation will position Ohio to lead the economy of tomorrow while helping us meet our alternative energy portfolio goals set forth in legislation passed during the previous General Assembly. We are truly building a brighter and more prosperous future through innovation.

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