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Joe Schiavoni's comprehensive jobs plan is based on years of research, discussions with community leaders, and legislative efforts in the Ohio Statehouse. It approaches Ohio's economic needs from every angle. It would:

- Help create new jobs in growing fields
- Train skilled workers
- Support small businesses
- Make potential job sites build-ready
- Protect existing Ohio jobs
- Rebuild our roads, bridges, and underground infrastructure

Ohio's current leadership hasn't made any real investments into the state. Instead, they've made repeated drastic cuts to our communities and services in hopes of lowering state taxes and spurring job growth.

We've spent too long waiting for the majority party's plan to work. We need to shift our priorities away from tax giveaways to responsible tax incentives that make a real, measurable impact. It's time to move toward a more comprehensive approach that will give Ohioans real pathways to job opportunities.

We have to make real, direct investments into our communities and our businesses in order to grow. **And we can do it in a fiscally responsible way.**

Over the past several years at the Ohio Statehouse, Joe has been pushing a series of bills that would directly invest in small businesses, jobs training, hiring programs, and efforts to rebuild our roads and bridges. A lot of these bills are still sitting at the Statehouse, waiting for the majority party to pass them.

Joe's jobs plan is based on years of research, debate, and legislative efforts in the Statehouse. He is the only candidate with real, workable plans that will get results for Ohio.

HOW WE FUND JOE'S PLAN:

STEP 1: CLOSE THE BUSINESS INCOME TAX LOOPHOLE (KNOWN AS THE LLC LOOPHOLE).

- Joe has recently announced a comprehensive jobs bill that would close the LLC Loophole (business income tax break) and save the state \$2.2 billion over two years that can be invested into businesses, workers, and communities.
- By closing just this one failing tax loophole that has not created any jobs in Ohio, we could fund Joe's entire jobs plan. And still have money left over for future investments.
- Only 14% of Ohioans even have access to the LLC loophole.
- Even prominent Ohio Republicans have admitted this particular tax break has failed to produce the desired results.
- This loophole was supposed to help businesses create jobs, but it has not saved any Ohioans enough money to create a single new job for our state.
 - Ohio spends over \$1 billion every year on this loophole, but we have not seen the jobs we were promised in return.

Closing the LLC Loophole would give the state \$2.2 BILLION to make investments into Ohio communities, businesses, and workers.

Ohio has lagged behind the nation in job growth for more than 55 months.

Nine of Ohio's most common full time jobs pay less than \$30,000 a year.

One thing is clear: The Republican majority's plan isn't working. This massive tax loophole isn't working. It's time for a new approach.

STEP 2: USE THE NEW REVENUE TO MAKE TARGETED INVESTMENTS THAT BENEFIT SMALL BUSINESSES AND OHIO WORKERS.

- This plan does not just throw money at the problem. It targets investments specifically into certain areas to help grow small businesses, rebuild our roads and bridges, and employ Ohio workers.

SUPPORT SMALL BUSINESSES — IN A REAL WAY

Help small businesses grow and thrive: Establish a Small Business Revolving Microloan program to help businesses with fewer than 500 employees meet capital needs, expand operations, and create and retain jobs.

Help minority businesses expand and grow: Authorize certain small businesses to bid or enter into a contract with the state or a political subdivision without being required to provide a bond.

BUILD A SKILLED WORKFORCE — INVEST IN CAREER TECH EDUCATION

As governor, Joe would help build long lasting partnerships between high schools, colleges, and local businesses, in order to craft courses that help build a skilled workforce. Too many business owners have positions they can't fill with Ohio residents due to a lack of technical skills in the available workforce.

Joe would push for the passage of legislation similar to Senate Bill 140, his workforce development bill, to help train skilled workers and provide targeted assistance to Ohio's business community. SB 140 is the result of meetings with business leaders, workers, and several chambers of commerce throughout the state.

“In every corner of the state, the number one priority for businesses is ensuring that we have a strong workforce for the future,” said Senator Joe Schiavoni. “That means we need to be investing more into career tech funding for our schools to ensure students are exposed to alternative career paths. We need to do more as a state to encourage collaboration among businesses, local organizations, and higher education institutions. I look forward to pushing these initiatives and priorities throughout the budget process. ”

Senator Schiavoni's plan would support businesses and workers in several areas, including:

Career Tech Education Funding

- Adds \$25 million over the biennium (\$12.5 million annually) to the Career Technical Education Fund.
- Improves access to workforce training programs by assisting students in grades K-12 with shop fees, industry credential testing fees, technology support, etc.
- Expands existing workforce education programs.

Incentives for Business and Higher Education Partnerships

- Creates a \$25 million competitive grant program between businesses and two and four-year institutions of higher learning that offer associates and industry credential programs.
- The grant would work as a dollar for dollar match between institutions and businesses to provide students the skills they need for high demand jobs.

Business Development Funding

- Invests \$30 million over the biennium to support existing state programs such as:
 - Minority Business Loan Program
 - Ohio Brownfield Fund
- Creates the Sector Partnership Grant Program.
 - \$10 million each FY will help fund collaboratives that provide employer driven, advanced skills training in targeted industries.

As governor, Joe would also create and support programs that:

- Identify local skill shortages and work with educational agencies to develop programs to meet workforce demands.
- Create grants to help low income individuals pay for union apprenticeship programs.
- Establish jobs programs for youth in urban and high poverty areas, including summer employment opportunities.

REBUILD OHIO'S ROADS, BRIDGES, AND WATER SYSTEMS

We can create good paying jobs while also rebuilding Ohio's roads, bridges, and water systems.

In order to achieve this goal, Joe would support legislative efforts such as Senate Joint Resolution 4 (SJR 4), a bipartisan resolution to address water quality issues and create jobs throughout Ohio. The resolution would permit the state to issue bonds for sewer and water capital improvements for municipal corporations, counties, townships and other governmental entities. The resolution is identical to Senator Schiavoni's widely supported Senate Joint Resolution 3, which received hearings — but no vote — in the 131st General Assembly.

If Ohio voters approve this resolution, the General Assembly would be able to authorize up to \$100 million per fiscal year over a 10-year period for sewer and water capital improvements, for a total investment of \$1 billion.

This part of the plan would not include any new taxes.

"Ohio's underground infrastructure is deteriorating rapidly," said Schiavoni. "Current funding sources cannot keep up with the rising costs of critical infrastructure maintenance and upgrades. This resolution would help our communities make these much needed improvements."

Senate Joint Resolution 4 has bipartisan co-sponsors. It has received positive feedback from groups and organizations concerned about protecting our drinking water and Ohio's lakes and streams. The resolution also has the support of U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown.

Joe would also support and encourage legislation that:

- Combats urban blight by creating a 5-year property tax exemption for the increased value of a distressed residential or commercial property that is remodeled within the first year of ownership.
- Invests \$50 million per year into infrastructure for local governments to repair roads and bridges based on the most urgent need.
- Invests \$50 million in public transit per year to help keep Ohioans working and self-sufficient.
- Creates a Neighborhood Assistance Program to promote community collaborations among residents, nonprofits and businesses to improve distressed neighborhoods.

CLEAN UP BROWNFIELDS AND BLIGHT — MAKE OHIO BUILD-READY

Too many businesses come to Ohio looking to expand and find brownfields and abandoned areas that need extensive cleanup before any progress can take place. We need to clean up these areas and make Ohio build-ready so businesses can come in and get to work creating jobs.

Joe has introduced the following two bills on this subject and would strongly encourage and support similar legislative efforts as governor:

- Bill #1: Allows community organizations to fix up/improve abandoned land.
 - Allows people to enter abandoned land pursuant to a permit without risk of punishment for trespassing.
 - Shields property owners from liability when a person enters or remains on the land in order to improve it.
 - Provides that the person who enters or remains on the land in order to improve it is not entitled to reimbursement unless the property owner agrees.
- Bill #2: Allows proceeds from urban renewal bonds to be used to demolish blighted buildings on tax-delinquent property. The property does not need to be situated in a designated urban renewal area.

ENCOURAGE GREEN ENERGY TECHNOLOGY AND OTHER EMERGING INDUSTRIES

As governor Joe would support and encourage legislation that would create a dedicated funding source to support green infrastructure projects in Ohio.

“Too often we find ourselves using our limited financial resources to fix 19th century infrastructure problems with outdated solutions and technology,” said Senator Schiavoni. “Green infrastructure projects are both cost-efficient and low impact to the environment — a win-win for all parties involved. The establishment of a state fund will help local communities finance these worthwhile projects.”

Joe would encourage legislation like his current bill, Senate Bill 112, which directs the state to create a \$10 million grant program to help fund projects related to water infrastructure, green streets and parking lots, green roofs, urban reforestation projects, and rainwater harvesting.

This program would be similar to the very popular Ohio EPA Surface Water Improvement Fund (SWIF). The Ohio EPA would assist in the review of applications and the Ohio Public Works Commission would administer the grant dollars.

KEEP OHIO JOBS IN OHIO

Ohio's next governor needs to do a better job keeping current Ohio jobs in Ohio — and in the United States.

For example, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics, there were 171,700 call center workers throughout the state in 2016. Since 2006, Ohio has lost 13,900 call center jobs — a decline of over 7.5 percent.

Senate Minority Leader Kenny Yuko (D- Richmond Heights) and Joe recently announced the Call Center Consumer Protection Act, Senate Bill 156. This bill would incentivize call centers to keep their jobs in the state of Ohio instead of moving them overseas.

S.B. 156 would create a list of Ohio companies that send call center and customer service jobs to overseas locations. It would deny these companies access to taxpayers' dollars in the form of grants and loan opportunities. The bill also would require that all customer service and call center work done on behalf of the state of Ohio is done within the state.

“When Ohio is facing an \$800 million budget shortfall, taxpayers' dollars should not be used to give grants and loans to companies that send Ohio jobs overseas,” said Senator Schiavoni. “This is a commonsense bill that protects families and workers here in Ohio.”

Joe pledges to work just as hard to protect all good paying existing Ohio jobs. The governor should bring new work into the state. They should not allow hardworking Ohioans to lose their jobs to other states or even countries without a fight.

SUPPORT HARDWORKING OHIOANS

Joe would not just throw money at Ohio's problems. His plan would provide targeted investments and create tax credits for Ohioans who need them most.

Ohio Child tax credit: Joe's plan would create a refundable Ohio child tax credit to be claimed against Ohio's personal income tax.

Senior Tax Credit: Joe's plan would double the state personal income tax credit for seniors whose income is not more than \$50,000 from \$50 to \$100.

HELP OHIOANS REENTER THE WORKFORCE

Joe believes we shouldn't punish Ohioans who want to work. We should get those individuals back on their feet so they can provide for themselves and their families. Joe's plan would do the following:

- **Displaced worker tax credit:** This credit can be claimed by Ohioans who lost their job because:
 - Their workplace either permanently closed or moved.
 - The employer abolished the taxpayer's job or shift.
- **Prohibit employment discrimination against unemployed Ohioans seeking work.**
 - Employers should not be able to discriminate based on a person's unemployment status.
 - Joe would prohibit the advertisement of employment positions that discriminate on the basis of a person's unemployment status. He would create penalties for violations of these rules.
- **Expand unemployment compensation:**
 - The state should allow workers to receive unemployment compensation benefits for unemployment related to domestic abuse or family circumstances. They should receive unemployment training extension benefits.

PROTECT WORKERS' RIGHTS

Joe will **always** stand up for workers' rights as governor. He will veto every single attempt to undermine workers' rights that comes out of the legislature. He will protect prevailing wage and support the good paying jobs we already have. He will encourage legislation that rewards Ohioans who are willing to work hard.

Ohio needs a governor with real plans to rebuild our roads and bridges, reinvest in our local businesses and communities, retrain our workers, and reinvigorate our economy. Ohio needs a leader who is focused on results.

Go to Joe's new website for more information. JoeForJobs.com