

ACT NOW ON CLIMATE CHANGE TO SECURE OHIO'S ECONOMIC FUTURE



The technologies to deeply cut greenhouse gases - the pollution that causes climate change - are all around us in Ohio. Whether we're building appliances, equipment or cars, whether we're building components for wind and solar power, or upgrading coal plants, whether we're working in city planning, in construction, or in agriculture, the so-called 'green jobs of tomorrow' are Ohio's jobs today.



What can our elected leaders do about climate change?

NOW is the time for our national elected officials to pass and implement policies to confront climate change.

These policies must put the nation on the path to achieve the deep pollution cuts that science says are necessary and they must give businesses and investors the clarity they need to confidently invest in the future.

A national strategy to boost new energy technologies is an investment in America, and in our position in the world. By

acting now to confront climate change, we also protect our investment in restoring the Great Lakes, and decades of work protecting wildlife and habitats. It is our responsibility to leave a world for our children where they too can enjoy our precious natural resource heritage.

Federal climate legislation is pending. We are anxious to hear from our Presidential and Congressional

OHIOANS are no longer debating whether the changes in our global environment are real or imminent. Instead, we are debating how best to confront this challenge. What solutions should we implement, and how do we capture the greatest economic and social benefit for Ohio as a result?

Addressing climate change must be a top priority. **We know that we can protect our natural resources and**

strengthen the economy in Ohio by investing in new, clean and renewable energy technologies that create jobs.

The quicker we act, the less costly it is to prevent the worst impacts of climate change, and the better we position American industry to compete in the global economy of tomorrow. If we delay, Ohio risks being left behind.

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candidates that they support legislation that takes rapid, effective steps to address climate change.

What do Ohioans say about Climate Change?

The results of a recent poll of Ohio voters demonstrate that Ohioans do care about climate change and are ready to act on climate change solutions now.

- A total of 76% of respondents believe that **climate change is currently occurring**.
- A total of 70% of respondents believe that addressing climate change would **make their lives better** by bringing new innovative products that save money at the pump and help improve both their homes and communities.

- A total of 81% of respondents believe that investing in renewable, clean energy sources could lead to an increase in new jobs in Ohio.
- When given the choice between **two political candidates**, 74% of respondents say they would be more likely to vote for a candidate who says that requiring cuts in carbon emissions would create a demand for innovative technologies and create new jobs in Ohio and across the United States. Only 26% of respondents would prefer to vote for a candidate who says that requiring cuts in carbon emissions would drive jobs overseas to countries that do not require cuts.
- Nearly 80% of respondents believe that climate change is a

problem **we** should take responsibility for and not pass on to our children and grandchildren.

What can I do about climate change?

As Ohioans, we have the people, ingenuity and resources necessary to make a positive difference for our future. We can urge our elected officials to take action on climate now, and we can take action ourselves.

National Wildlife Federation has launched a campaign to confront climate change that brings together all Ohioans—Republican and Democratic, liberal and conservative, rural and urban—who care about their future and the future of their children and grandchildren. Visit us online for more information on how we can adopt new energy technologies to make our homes, schools and businesses more efficient, and save money at the same time.

By developing renewable, clean energy sources today, we can ensure job growth and a good quality of life for our children tomorrow.

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Steelhead fishing in clean water just minutes from Cleveland. Ohio has met huge environmental challenges before. We can do it again.

Rising temperatures are already impacting wildlife migration, and changing the temperature and water levels in the Great Lakes. Unless action is taken now, scientists estimate that by 2100, Ohio's average summer temperatures could increase between 7 and 9 degrees Fahrenheit - making Ohio like Arkansas in the summer and North Carolina in the winter. Lake Erie's surface area could shrink by up to 15 percent, while rising temperatures encourage invasive species, and stress habitat, fish and wildlife and the \$2.3 billion recreation and tourism industries they support.