



LEGISLATIVE AGENDA 2025-2026

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135TH General Assembly Accomplishments

Income Tax Reform: Ohio's reform reduced the number of tax brackets from four to two, setting the top marginal rate at 3.5%.

Expanding Education Opportunity: Expanded eligibility for the Universe EdChoice program

Defending Energy Abundance: Blocked new labor mandates for energy (HB205) and halted inefficient "energy efficiency" programs (HB79).

Protecting Ohio's Financial Future: The passage of SB6 prevents the implementation of ESG (Environmental, Social, and Governance) criteria in Ohio.

Welcome!

At Americans for Prosperity Ohio, we are thrilled to present the 2025-2026 Buckeye Blueprint Policy Agenda—our bold vision for advancing Economic Freedom, Energy Abundance, and Education Opportunity in the Buckeye State.

This is our second Buckeye Blueprint Policy Agenda, and with it, we are doubling down on our commitment to building a bolder, better Buckeye state for ALL Ohioans. Through this agenda, we aim to empower individuals, grow communities, and enact transformational reforms that will propel Ohio to new heights.

Economic Freedom is a cornerstone of our vision, and it's an area where we have a proud history of accomplishment. Yet, more work remains to ensure every Ohioan has the opportunity to thrive. **By championing policies like REINS Act, a phase out of the income tax, and working to advance prosperity tax reform**, we can unleash Ohio's full economic potential and make our state a magnet for growth and opportunity.

Education Opportunity is equally vital to our mission. While we've made significant strides in expanding school choice and empowering parents, we know there is more to do. By continuing to push for innovative solutions that put students & parents first, we can ensure every child in Ohio has access to the quality education they deserve—one that prepares them for a future of limitless possibilities.

Energy Abundance is an area where we're making an even greater investment, recognizing its critical role in driving prosperity, affordability, and innovation. By focusing on consumer-first solutions and breaking down barriers to growth, we can secure a brighter energy future for all Ohioans.

The Buckeye Blueprint is more than a policy agenda—it's a movement. We engage communities, empower coalitions, and embolden policy champions to challenge the status quo and deliver real results. Together, we will ensure Ohio leads the way in creating opportunities, fostering innovation, and empowering families.

With your partnership, we can continue the important work of shaping the Buckeye State into a national leader—a place where freedom, prosperity, and opportunity thrive.

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LEGISLATIVE PRIORITIES

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ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Lower Taxes
Less Regulation
Restrained Spending

02



EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

Fund Families
Expand Supply
Maximize Flexibility

03



ENERGY ABUNDANCE

Transparency
Competition
Consumer-first

01

ECONOMIC FREEDOM

Over the past 20+ years Ohio has removed tax brackets, lowered rates, and slashed regulations.

Top 10 states, on the other hand, aren't incremental, and we shouldn't be either.

0% PERSONAL INCOME TAX | END THE CAT | REFORM PROPERTY TAXES

Since Ohio enacted the Personal Income Tax in 1972, it has lost 8 congressional seats, dropping from 23 to 15 by 2023. Meanwhile, Florida's seats increased from 15 to 28. By reducing taxes and enhancing the business climate, Ohio can improve its citizens' financial well-being and regain competitiveness for congressional representation.

PASS THE REINS ACT

REINS would redirect all "major" rule-making from regulatory bodies to the General Assembly for legislative approval. This is forward facing legislation that would require regulators to explain the economic impact of their proposed rules.

TRUTH IN TAXATION

Requires local governments to inform property owners of the revenue-neutral tax rate after valuation changes. Properly crafted Truth in Taxation legislation enhances transparency to manage property tax growth, yet permits increases when necessary.

PUBLIC PENSION REFORM

Ohio's public pensions are estimated to have unfunded liabilities exceeding \$68 billion with only 76% of assets to fulfill retirement promises made to those who spent their lives serving their communities. Comprehensive pension reform includes improving transparency and fund management, and modernizing retirement savings.

A young girl with curly hair is seen from behind, holding up a smartphone to take a photo. She is wearing a blue patterned shirt. In the background, other people are visible, including a person with long blonde hair wearing a blue shirt and a pink backpack. The scene appears to be an outdoor event or fair.

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EDUCATION OPPORTUNITY

FUND FAMILIES | MAXIMIZE FLEXIBILITY | INCREASE SUPPLY

SCHOOL CHOICE IN EDUCATION

Ohio needs to fund families, maximize flexibility, and expand the supply for educational choice as demand continues to increase. Despite the universal availability of EdChoice Vouchers, barriers still stand in the way of true education freedom in the Buckeye state.

ELIMINATE MEANS TESTING

The demand for EdChoice vouchers has skyrocketed since the implementation of a universal voucher system. However the means testing aspect of the program is standing in the way of ensuring every single family in Ohio has access to EdChoice dollars to seek the educational model that works best for their child. We believe striking the wealth testing element will further eliminate barriers to educational freedom for all Ohio families.

UNIVERSAL PUBLIC SCHOOL ACCESS

Universal open enrollment for public schools keeps public funds in education, diversifies student populations, creates more opportunities, and promotes competitive excellence. This bipartisan-supported initiative saw 85% approval from both political parties in three states in 2023.

THE FIGHT FOR EDUCATION FREEDOM IS NEVER ENDING.

**WE MUST EMPOWER PARENTS TO MAKE DECISIONS THAT BEST FIT
THE NEEDS OF EACH AND EVERY CHILD.**

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ENERGY ABUNDANCE

Corruption and cronyism have long tainted Ohio's energy policy, exemplified by the infamous House Bill 6, Ohio's largest corruption case. For too long, insiders have dominated energy policymaking, but we can change this in the Buckeye state. Top-down, opaque environmental and climate policies often limit consumer choices, favoring politically preferred, sometimes unreliable energy sources. We advocate for a free-market approach to ensure energy is affordable, abundant, and reliable.

RELIABILITY | AFFORDABILITY | ABUNDANCE

REPEAL OVEC SUBSIDIES

Ohioans are still subsidizing two OVEC facilities as part of HB 6 from the 133rd General Assembly, a bill at the heart of Ohio's largest public corruption scandal in history. **These subsidies are costing Ohioans roughly \$450k/day.**

REMOVE BARRIERS TO INNOVATION

Regulations and taxes are suffocating energy development in Ohio and across the country. Even something as simple as permitting delays has had a profound impact on Ohio, delaying or outright killing energy development projects, leading to less energy supply.

SUPPORT "ALL OF THE ABOVE"

One way Ohio has tipped the scales is through subsidizing politically preferable forms of energy instead of fuel sources that are abundant, reliable, and accessible. An "all of the above" approach to fuel sources will ensure competition in the marketplace that will ultimately benefit the consumer.



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