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OHIO

CURRENT STATE OF “REIMAGINE OHIO” POLICY RECOMMENDATIONS—APRIL 2018

In January 2017, Opportunity Ohio released its visionary report, “[Reimagine Ohio](#),” that painted an image of Ohio for the next two decades if ten key policy recommendations were adopted by policymakers. To highlight the recommendations, we launched a highly targeted social media campaign aimed at core constituencies and policymakers. The videos we produced were viewed by more than 3.3 million Ohioans.

1	Freeze or cut state General Revenue Fund spending		Completed when biennial budget (House Bill 49) for 2018-2019 cut state spending for the next two years from \$33.6 billion in FY 2016 and \$34.8 billion in FY 2017 to \$32.2 billion for FY 2018 and \$33.3 billion for FY 2019, for a total spending cut of \$2.9 billion. (http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/operating/doc/fy-18-19/enacted/budgetindetail-hb49-en.pdf and http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/monthlyfinancial/doc/2017-07_mfr.pdf)
2	A-Z Review of All State programs		No movement
3	Streamlining Ohio's 3,700+ state and local governments		No movement
4	Government pension reform		No movement
5	Eliminate public sector collective bargaining		Hopeful movement when the U.S. Supreme Court issues its decision on <i>Janus v. AFSCME</i> that effectively would make Ohio a public sector right-to-work state. (http://www.nrtw.org/janus/)
6	Adopt a right-to-work law		Movement as a right-to-work bill was co-sponsored and proposed in the Ohio House on January 7, 2018. (https://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/01/08/time-people-ohio-decide-right-work-law/1003775001/)
7	Repeal Obamacare's Medicaid expansion		Medicaid freeze passed by the Ohio General Assembly in HB49, but Governor John Kasich vetoed that provision. (http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/ohio_gov_john_kasich_signs_sta.html)
8	Kill Governor Kasich's severance tax hike proposal for good		Completed when Governor Kasich failed to submit a mid-year budget for his last year in office after five previous attempts failed in part due to our education efforts.
9	Eliminate the “do-nothing” Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission		Completed when the Ohio General Assembly eliminated the OCMC in HB49. (http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/07/ambitious_ohio_constitution_re.html)
10	Become the voice on getting power and money out of Washington, D.C., and back to the states		No movement