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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.

<b>1</b>	<b>Freeze or cut state General Revenue Fund spending</b>		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. ( <a href="http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/operating/doc/fy-18-19/enacted/budgetindetail-hb49-en.pdf">http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/operating/doc/fy-18-19/enacted/budgetindetail-hb49-en.pdf</a> and <a href="http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/monthlyfinancial/doc/2017-07_mfr.pdf">http://obm.ohio.gov/Budget/monthlyfinancial/doc/2017-07_mfr.pdf</a> )
<b>2</b>	<b>A-Z Review of All State programs</b>		No movement
<b>3</b>	<b>Streamlining Ohio's 3,700+ state and local governments</b>		No movement
<b>4</b>	<b>Government pension reform</b>		No movement
<b>5</b>	<b>Eliminate public sector collective bargaining</b>		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. ( <a href="http://www.nrtw.org/janus/">http://www.nrtw.org/janus/</a> )
<b>6</b>	<b>Adopt a right-to-work law</b>		Movement as a right-to-work bill was co-sponsored and proposed in the Ohio House on January 7, 2018. ( <a href="https://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/01/08/time-people-ohio-decide-right-work-law/1003775001/">https://www.cincinnati.com/story/opinion/contributors/2018/01/08/time-people-ohio-decide-right-work-law/1003775001/</a> )
<b>7</b>	<b>Repeal Obamacare's Medicaid expansion</b>		Medicaid freeze passed by the Ohio General Assembly in HB49, but Governor John Kasich vetoed that provision. ( <a href="http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/ohio_gov_john_kasich_signs_sta.html">http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/06/ohio_gov_john_kasich_signs_sta.html</a> )
<b>8</b>	<b>Kill Governor Kasich's severance tax hike proposal for good</b>		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.
<b>9</b>	<b>Eliminate the “do-nothing” Ohio Constitutional Modernization Commission</b>		Completed when the Ohio General Assembly eliminated the OCMC in HB49. ( <a href="http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/07/ambitious_ohio_constitution_re.html">http://www.cleveland.com/metro/index.ssf/2017/07/ambitious_ohio_constitution_re.html</a> )
<b>10</b>	<b>Become the voice on getting power and money out of Washington, D.C., and back to the states</b>		No movement