



## Ohio House Democratic Caucus

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### **House Democrats Praise Implementation of Governor's "Building Ohio Jobs" Plan** *\$1.57 Billion Package Expedites Investment Priorities Laid Out in "State of the State"*

**COLUMBUS** – State Representative Kenny Yuko (D-Richmond Heights) praised the announcement today by Governor Strickland of a final "Building Ohio Jobs" plan that protects investment priorities to create thousands of jobs while putting money to work faster.

"This plan could not have come at a better time. Cleveland desperately needs jobs and I'm glad that the Governor is being so proactive," Rep. Yuko said. "By investing in burgeoning industries we are expediting the process of restoring infrastructure and jobs that were lost during the previous administration."

The \$1.57 billion package shifts funding sources to take advantage of liquid assets and the Governor's existing authority. The investments are organized as follows:

- Transportation Logistics and Distribution: \$100 million
- Bioproduct Advancement: \$50 million
- Biomedical: \$100 million
- Advanced Energy: \$150 million
- Public Works: \$400 million
- Clean Ohio – Conservation: \$200 million
- Clean Ohio – Brownfield Revitalization: \$200 million
- Historic Preservation Tax Credit: \$120 million
- Higher Education Workforce Program for internships and co-ops: \$250 million

Conservative estimates say this program will create more than 57,000 jobs in Ohio, and the new investment in internships and co-ops for Ohio college students could lead to further job creation.

"Timing is everything. If we had waited for this issue to appear on the November ballot we would have lost too many employment opportunities," Rep. Yuko said. "Ohioans are ready to reap the benefits of this investment."

"Governor Strickland has been true to his word, and is successfully beginning to "Turnaround Ohio."  
I am thrilled to be a part of this new and exciting process."