



A Legislative Report from **Rep. Kenny Yuko**

7th District of Ohio • Cities of Euclid and South Euclid, Richmond Heights and Collinwood



Kenny Yuko
State Representative

Dear Constituents,

There is no doubt these are tough economic times, but we are beginning to see the glimmer of hope as the recession eases. That's encouraging as my colleagues and I in the Ohio House work to position our state for prosperity as the economy improves.

Unemployment is still too high, but the number of large-scale layoffs in Ohio is down sharply from a year ago, according to a new government report. Some Ohio economists think this is evidence that a recovery has begun and that employment gains are coming soon.

There are even signs that the housing crisis is easing. Foreclosure filings declined in November in Ohio according to the foreclosure-information service RealtyTrac.

We are not out of the woods yet. This recession is the worst in a generation, and is nationwide, not just in Ohio. Recovery will be slow. But we in the Ohio House are working hard to create jobs and foster economic growth.

The Film Tax Credit, passed last year, has already attracted four movies that will be filmed in Ohio. These productions will result in \$25 million in new economic activity coming to Ohio and 3,000 new Ohio jobs.

This year we are moving to expand the Ohio Venture Capital Authority. This will help increase private investment in Ohio companies. Furthermore, it will build on successful efforts to encourage innovation in high-growth industries such as healthcare, advanced energy and information technology.

It is also important to renew and expand the Ohio Third Frontier Program. This successful, job-generating program has already created over 40,000 new jobs in Ohio and has produced a 10 to 1 return on investment for taxpayers.

There is plenty of work left to be done, and I always welcome your thoughts, concerns and questions. Please do not hesitate to contact my office.

Sincerely,

Kenny Yuko
State Representative

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You have several options if you would like to contact Representative Yuko. We welcome your thoughts and suggestions and will do everything we can to help you. We also welcome invitations to speak to your group or organization.



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Insurance, Department of

<http://ohioinsurance.gov/>

Consumer Hotline 800-686-1526
Ohio Senior Health Insurance Information Program
800-686-1578

Jobs and Family Services, Department of

<http://jfs.ohio.gov/>

Veteran Services Division 800-253-4060
Unemployment Compensation Hotline 877-644-6562

Motor Vehicles, Bureau of

<http://www.bmv.ohio.gov/>

General Information 800-589-TAGS

Public Safety, Department of

<http://publicsafety.ohio.gov/>

Highway Patrol 877-7-PATROL
State Highway Patrol DUI Hotline 800-GRAB-DUI

Public Utilities Commission of Ohio

<http://www.puco.ohio.gov/>

General Information 800-686-PUCO

Taxation, Department of

<http://tax.ohio.gov/>

Form Requests 800-282-1782
Individual Taxpayer Assistance 800-282-1780

Aging, Department of

<http://aging.ohio.gov/home/>

Golden Buckeye Card 866-301-6446
Ombudsman/Elder Rights Unit 800-282-1206



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future reference!**

Ohio Website Helps You Make Informed Healthcare Decisions

Ohio Department of Health Launches Website to Compare Hospital Performance

Finding the best hospital in your area is as easy as the click of a mouse. The Ohio Department of Health (ODH) has launched a website comparing Ohio hospitals based on several performance measures to help consumers make more informed healthcare decisions.

Ohio Hospital Compare can be found on the ODH home page at www.odh.ohio.gov. This interactive site allows Ohioans to evaluate hospitals in each of the state's 88 counties on over 100 performance measures. Areas that consumers can compare include:

- Heart Attack Care
- Heart Failure Care
- Surgical Care
- Patient Care
- Pregnancy and Delivery Care



You can search hospitals by county or zip code, and check results for the care of children and/or adults.

In addition to providing consumers with the information to make well-informed decisions, the comparison gives Ohio hospitals the data to help improve their own quality of care.

The comprehensive website is the first in the nation to offer a side-by-side comparison of hospitals.

The state will update the website every 6 months to ensure the information used to make the comparisons is current. The Hospital Measures Advisory Council, the group created to select appropriate performance measures, will update their performance categories periodically.

Ohio Extends Unemployment Compensation

Those Enrolled Full-Time In Education or Training Programs Now Eligible

The Ohio House has taken great strides this past year to enhance Ohio's education system in order to secure prosperity for our state both today and tomorrow.

In a further show of support of education, Governor Strickland has announced a state program that extends unemployment compensation benefits to all students enrolled in full-time education or training programs. Previously, only those students enrolled in certain education or training programs were exempt from the program's work-search requirement. This requirement states that those applying for unemployment compensation declare they are "able, available and actively seeking work."

The benefits expansion makes going back to school an option for those who were not previously considering it because it was out of their reach financially.



"To build a robust economy from the ground up, Ohio's working people must have every opportunity to get the education and training they need to land the new kinds of jobs our economy is creating," Governor Strickland said. "This policy change will help those Ohioans hardest hit by the recession to obtain job training skills without sacrificing their ability to continue providing for their families."

The Obama Administration is also looking to ease the financial burden of those looking to go back to school. Under current provisions, those getting unemployment compensation can receive special consideration for financial aid to pay for education or job training programs.

To find out more about applying for unemployment compensation, visit the Ohio Department of Jobs and Family Services at www.jfs.ohio.gov or call 1-877-644-6562.

Third Frontier a Good Investment for Ohio

Independent research confirms jobs, businesses created



The numbers are in, and the Third Frontier Program (3F) has proven to be a winning investment for the state.

Ohio's future economic prosperity depends on our ability to shift from traditional manufacturing industries to the high-growth, technology-intensive industries of tomorrow. 3F not only accelerates our economic transition, it also creates good-paying jobs for Ohioans.

History of Support

3F began in 2002 with bipartisan support and voter approval. It is a 10 year, \$1.6 billion bond program. 3F supports technology companies that diversify and grow Ohio's knowledge-based economy.

It was founded on the commitment to shape the future economy of the state through a variety of technology-based programs.

How does it work?

The program funds five key technological areas, including: Advanced and Alternative Energy, Biomedical, Advanced Materials, Instruments - Controls - Electronics, and Advanced Propulsion.

In these areas, 3F drives the growth of existing and emerging industry by:

- Increasing high-quality, marketable research
- Making funding more accessible and available to create, expand, and attract technology-based companies

- Supporting small businesses in their earliest stages to develop new products
- Helping existing companies become more productive by addressing their technical issues
- Creating high-paying jobs in technology

Promise Kept

In its seventh year, 3F is living up to its commitment, delivering measurable results.

According to an independent evaluation conducted by Stanford Research Institute (SRI) International, 3F created 41,300 jobs over the past seven years with over \$2.4 billion in employee wages and benefits.

Despite the recession, 3F has given Ohio the ability to increase employment in technology industries by 4%, creating nearly 20,000 jobs since 2004 in this field alone.

The report also showed that taxpayers were seeing more than a 10 to one return on their investment. That means from 2003 to 2008, an investment of \$681 million of state expenditures resulted in over \$6.6 billion of statewide economic impact.

3F is an innovative, forward-thinking program that is transforming the way Ohio conducts business in the 21st century. For more information about 3F and the projects it supports, log on to www.thirdfrontier.com.

**Third
Frontier
by the
Numbers**

\$681
MILLION
INVESTED
through Third
Frontier
from 2003-2008

6.6
BILLION
RETURNED
to Ohio's economy
in research, sales
and construction

41,300
JOBS CREATED
high-tech jobs are
growing while
others have
declined

500
NEW OHIO
COMPANIES
created,
attracted,
and capitalized

3,000
INTERNSHIPS
awarded to Ohio
students with
nearly 700
companies

Legislative Survey

REPRESENTATIVE KENNY YUKO
MARCH 2010

Your views on issues facing state government are important to me. Please take the time to share your opinion on the following topics. I look forward to hearing from you!

1. Should Ohio's Third Frontier program be expanded to promote new jobs and economic development in Ohio?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

2. Do you support a statewide ban on texting while driving?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

3. Do you support statewide efforts to update the passenger rail transportation system throughout Ohio?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

4. Do you support limits on marketing by credit card companies on university and college campuses?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

5. Do you support enhanced regulation of the towing industry in Ohio to prevent "rogue towers" from gouging consumers?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

6. Would you support eliminating the state income tax if it means cuts to vital public services such as police and fire protection and libraries?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

7. Would you like to see an increase in the use of solar panels, wind turbines and other renewable energy system at schools and other government buildings?

- Yes
- No
- Undecided

8. Please list what you believe to be three of Ohio's biggest strengths:

1. _____

2. _____

3. _____

Additional Comments:

Please fold and return this form to me at the address listed on the other side. If you would like to receive information and legislative updates in the future, please provide the following information:

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**Thank you for completing this legislative survey.
Please don't hesitate to contact my office
with any issues or opinions you may have!**

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