

New Projects Expected to Create More Than \$778 Million in Investments



(COLUMBUS, Ohio)—Ohio Governor Mike DeWine and Lt. Governor Jon Husted today announced the approval of assistance for seven projects set to create 992 new jobs and retain 1,047 jobs statewide. During its monthly meeting, the Ohio Tax Credit Authority (TCA) reviewed economic development proposals brought to the board by JobsOhio and its regional partners. Collectively, the projects are expected to result in more than \$64 million in new payroll and spur more than \$778 million in investments across Ohio.

Projects approved by the TCA include:

CENTRAL

Goosehead Insurance Agency LLC, city of Columbus (Franklin Co.), expects to create 100 full-time positions, generating \$7.7 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new project in Columbus. Goosehead Insurance is an independent insurance agency serving the continental United States. The TCA approved a 1.800 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

International Technical Coatings Inc. (ITC Manufacturing), city of Columbus (Franklin Co.), expects to create 67 full-time positions, generating \$3.1 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$8.3 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Columbus. ITC Manufacturing produces wire mesh products for the material handling and storage products industries. The TCA approved a 1.269 percent, seven-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

WillowTree LLC, city of Columbus (Franklin Co.), expects to create 50 full-time positions, generating \$4.5 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$11 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Columbus. Wil-

lowTree builds digital products such as mobile apps, responsive websites, and voice skills. The TCA approved a 1.757 percent, eight-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

NORTHEAST

AML RightSource LLC, city of Cleveland, village of Highland Hills (Cuyahoga Co.), expects to create 273 full-time positions, generating \$18.7 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$30.5 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Cleveland and Highland Hills. AML RightSource develops solutions focusing on the Anti-Money Laundering (AML) /Bank Secrecy Act (BSA) and financial crimes compliance. The TCA approved a 1.949 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Ardagh Metal Beverage USA Inc., city of Huron (Erie Co.), expects to create 211 full-time positions, generating \$16.6 million in new annual payroll as a result of the company's new project in Huron. Ardagh manufactures aluminum beverage packaging. The TCA approved a 1.999 percent, nine-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

Edge Plastics Inc., city of Mansfield (Richland Co.), expects to create 67 full-time positions, generating \$2.3 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$3.3 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's expansion project in Mansfield. Edge Plastics provides plastic manufacturing services for consumer, commercial, and industrial products companies. The TCA approved a 1.107 percent, six-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.

WESTERN

Royal Canin U.S.A. Inc. (Mars Petcare), Harrison Township (Preble Co.), expects to create 224 full-time positions, generating \$11.5 million in new annual payroll and retaining \$5.4 million in existing payroll as a result of the company's new project in Harrison Township. Mars Petcare produces dog and cat food. The TCA approved a 1.521 percent, 10-year Job Creation Tax Credit for this project.



Stop Hate

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The FBI has reported a spike in hate crimes over the past three years - particularly against Latino Americans, Sikhs, Muslim Americans, Jewish Americans, and immigrants. The most recent data shows hate crimes rising to a level not seen in over a decade. And that doesn't even capture the bullying, discrimination, brutality, and violence that Asian Americans have faced since the outbreak of COVID-19.

The mass shooting in Atlanta is only the latest example of this horror. At President Biden's direction, we are flying our flag at half-staff at the U.S. Mission to the United Nations, to honor the victims of this terrible, senseless tragedy.

It is so important we stand together - we stand unified - against this scourge. In unity, we have strength. But divisions and misperceptions about each other work against all of us.

We also need to recognize that racism is far from unique in America. Across four decades and four continents in the Foreign Service, I experienced racism in countless international contexts, from overly zealous searches at airports, to police racially profiling my son, to being made to wait behind white patrons for a table at a restaurant. Racism was and continues to be a daily challenge wherever we are.

And for millions, it's more than a challenge. It's deadly. Like in Burma, where Rohingya and others have been oppressed, abused, and killed in staggering numbers. Or in China,

where the government has committed genocide and crimes against humanity against Uyghurs and members of other ethnic and religious minority groups in Xinjiang.

The prevalence, and pervasiveness, of racial discrimination might make the situation look hopeless. But let me be clear: I remain hopeful. I am hopeful because I have seen how communities and countries can enact change. And I have experienced that progress in my own lifetime.

Personally, I am just one example of what hope and strength can do. After all, this descendant of slaves is before you today as the U.S. Representative to the United Nations. The first chapter of my life story - born in poverty to uneducated parents - this could not have been predicted.

So I ask, what can we do to promote change and keep hope alive for victims of racism?

We can't control the hate in people's heart. But we can change the rules that give them license. That's how I'm sitting here. It's why we were able to welcome Vice President Kamala Harris to the UN this week. It's why President Biden's cabinet is the most diverse in history and includes the first Native American named to a cabinet post.

We can make our communities, and our governments, reflect our highest aspirations - even if some individuals still fall short. We can act. And in the Biden-Harris administration, we are doing just that.

In the first 60 days, the President has made

this a priority: from redressing racial discrimination in housing, to ending private prisons that warehouse young black and brown men, to respecting the sovereignty of Native American tribes, to combatting xenophobia and discrimination against Asians, Asian Americans, and Pacific Islanders.

The Biden-Harris Administration also recognizes how the COVID-19 pandemic and economic crisis has been disproportionately damaging to members of racial and ethnic minorities. So, we have taken steps, like providing emergency relief



funds, increasing access to nutritious food, and passing* federal student loan payments, that we know will particularly help Black and brown communities.

To be clear, this is just the beginning. Ending racial discrimination, particularly in our criminal justice system, will be an ongoing top priority for the President, and for the entire Biden-Harris Administration. And we ask that other countries join

us.

We call for all countries to ratify and implement the International Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Racial Discrimination. After all, this is about shaping the future. It's shaping the future we want for our children, and our grandchildren, and their grandchildren.

Already, they are demanding we do better. They are coming up with new ideas and they're pushing for progressive action. They're asking more from their politicians and their governments. And they're in the streets, marching for change.

They say that "Black Lives Matter." Because they do.

They chant: "This is what democracy looks like." Because it is.

This is the American way.

We have flaws. Deep, serious flaws. But we talk about them. We work to address them. And we press on, in hopes that we can leave the country better than we found it.

We can do the same on a multilateral scale. Let us expose the racism and racial discrimination endemic in every society, around the globe. Let us press forward, to root out that discrimination and remove the rot from our foundations. And on this day dedicated to ending racial discrimination, as our flags fly at half-staff, let us leave our children a less hateful, more hopeful world.

Let us give them a future. A future without fear. A future without violence. That is the legacy that I hope they can inherit.

Thank you.!

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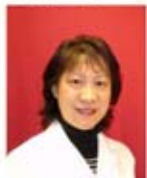
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