

## HARVEST OF OH'S CEO ARIANE KIRKPATRICK ISSUES STATEMENT ON PRESIDENT BIDEN'S MARIJUANA REFORM PLAN

CLEVELAND, OH - Harvest of OH's CEO Ariane Kirkpatrick issues statement on President Biden's Marijuana Reform Plan:

"This is great news. We are encouraged by President Biden's plan for marijuana reform at the federal level. By pardoning all federal offenses of simple marijuana possession, and beginning the process of potentially more reform, he has taken a bold first step towards decriminalization. I applaud President Biden in taking the necessary steps needed to work towards removing barriers justified by

an unjust system disproportionately affecting the BIPOC communities.

Finally, the narrative and the stigma associated with marijuana use is taking a turn.

As a business owner in the cannabis industry, we are intentional in our hiring practices, ensuring that the composition of our employees is diverse, equitable and inclusive. Of our 100+ employees across the state, 52% are people of color and just over 40% are women. Intentionality changes the conversation.

President Biden's position changes the trajectory for many individuals and families, giving peo-

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ple the opportunity to start over, get a job, find housing, provide

for their families, and contribute to the economic success of our communities.

Although House Bill 523 legalized medical marijuana in the state in 2016, I urge our state legislators, other elected officials, and Governor DeWine to not stop there, and pay attention to the growing, strong public interest in changing marijuana policy in our state. President Biden's position has evolved over time, and so can our elected officials in Ohio."

### About Harvest of OH

Harvest of OH is the only majority, minority

owned and vertically integrated cannabis company in Ohio, licensed to dispense, grow, and process medical marijuana.

In 2021, Harvest of OH, opened three storefront medical marijuana dispensaries in Columbus, Athens and Beavercreek with the goal of improving lives through the goodness of cannabis. Each dispensary sells a variety of cannabis flower, vaporizers, concentrates, edibles, tinctures, topicals and accessories, including its own Harvest of OH flower, cultivated in Ironton, OH.



## Governor DeWine Announces Honda to Invest in Ohio for Electric Vehicle Production

**Including New Battery Plant with LG Energy Solution \$4.2 billion in investments will secure more than 2,500 new Ohio jobs**

(COLUMBUS, Ohio)— Ohio Governor Mike DeWine, Lt. Governor Jon Husted, and JobsOhio leaders announced today that Ohio will continue its historic dominance in the automotive manufacturing industry as Honda selected Ohio to lead its electric vehicle (EV) production and, with LG Energy Solution, a joint venture battery plant.

During a special event at the Ohio Statehouse this morning, Honda and LG Energy Solution confirmed that their combined investments of at least \$4.2 billion will create a total of 2,527 new jobs in Ohio between the establishment of a new EV battery plant in Fayette County and the retooling of existing Honda plants in Union, Logan, and Shelby counties for electric vehicle production.

Honda's renewed commitment to Ohio comes exactly 45 years to the day after Honda leadership visited the Ohio Statehouse in 1977 to announce plans for its first vehicle production facility in the United States, the Marysville Motorcycle Plant.

"It has been more than four decades since Honda first saw great promise in Ohio, and although the way we manufacture vehicles is evolving, one thing that will stay the same is the quality of our workforce and their ability to get the job done," said Ohio Governor Mike DeWine. "Honda and LG Energy Solution now join a long list of companies that have looked all over the country for the best place to do business and have chosen Ohio because we have the ideal economic climate and an innovative and talented workforce. Today's announcement is further proof that there is no better place to be right now than in the great state of Ohio."

Of the total investment announced today, Honda and LG Energy Solution will invest \$3.5 billion in the new Fayette County battery plant, which will create at least 2,200 new jobs. A total of \$700 million will be invested by Honda to retool its Marysville Auto Plant in Union County, Anna Engine Plant in Shelby County, and East Liberty Auto Plant in Logan County, creating 327 new jobs on top of its current workforce. Once transformed for EV production, the power source

for the vehicles made at the Marysville, Anna, and East Liberty factories will come from the new battery plant in Fayette County.

"Honda and LG Energy Solution had many other states vying for this historic investment, and



they chose Ohio," said Ohio Lt. Governor Jon Husted. "Ohio's talented workforce and strong business environment, along with Honda's commitment to quality, continue to be a winning combination for the company and this state."

MORE: Watch today's announcement on ohiochannel.org

Construction on the Fayette County battery plant is expected to begin in early 2023, with a goal of starting mass production of advanced lithium-ion battery modules by 2025. The site, at Interstate 71 and U.S. Route 35, offers more than 1,500 acres and is less than an hour's drive from Columbus, Dayton, Cincinnati, and Chillicothe. It also includes access to utilities, including water, sewer, electricity, and natural gas.

Honda has a legacy of choosing Ohio for trailblazing initiatives. In addition to choosing Ohio for its motorcycle plant on October 11, 1977, the Marysville Auto Plant produced the very first Honda Accord on November 1, 1982, and the Anna Engine Plant, which opened in 1985, now produces more than 1 million four-cylinder, V-6, and turbo engines for Honda auto plants throughout North America. The East Liberty Auto Plant opened in 1989 and has manufactured over 4.5 million Honda and Acura vehicles since its inception. In 1992, Honda opened a major product development center in Raymond, Ohio, that now creates many of the vehicles built in Ohio.

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