

State Government

Ohio should be foster an environment where all taxpayers have the chance to participate on public works projects. The government should not mandate requirements or restrict opportunities based on how a business is structured.

- Project labor agreements, or PLAs, discriminate against non-union shops by requiring union labor on projects. By forbidding state dollars to flow to public works projects that expressly require or prohibit a PLA will ensure that all able and willing bidders can participate in a project.
- Ohio should eliminate, or at the very least make permissive for local governments, prevailing wage requirements on public projects. Prevailing wage is typically tied to union wages and tends to inflate bid costs for projects, costing taxpayers more. Small businesses are particularly harmed as they cannot float the higher wages while awaiting government payments and thus are unable to bid on projects. This leads to less competition and choice. Robust competition always drives quality for the best price.
- Make Ohio a right to work state. Ohio will begin to lose out to our neighbors Indiana, Michigan, Kentucky, and West Virginia, all of whom are now right to work. Right-to-work permits employees the choice in whether or not to join a union; preserving the right to organize.