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SENATE ENERGY PLAN TO CREATE A HALF MILLION NEW JOBS

Energy Savings and 25,000 New Jobs Could Come to Ohio

Alternative energy legislation sponsored in the United States Senate would create 530,000 family-supporting American jobs, according to a new report released by the Apollo Alliance. Half of these would be high-paying jobs manufacturing wind turbines, solar panels and energy efficient vehicles. Another 10 percent would be high-paying construction jobs building wind farms, energy efficient homes and businesses, and new transit systems. Ohio could see more than 25,000 of these jobs, not including ripple effects of stimulating the economy in this new and growing area of new energy.

The report, Clean Energy Development for a Growing Economy: Employment Impacts of the Clean EDGE Act, finds that the Clean EDGE Act of 2006 would create nearly 26,000 jobs in Ohio. This report updates and adds to findings from Policy Matters Ohio's 2005 report, Generating Energy, Generating Jobs. That report, based on 1998 data, found up to 22,000 jobs could be created in Ohio. The Clean EDGE Act of 2006 not only targets renewable energy production, but also provides incentives for energy efficient buildings, raising the potential Ohio job gain.

Policy Matters coordinates the Ohio Apollo Alliance. The national Apollo Alliance is a coalition of labor, environmental, civil rights and business leaders fighting for energy independence from foreign energy sources. The Clean EDGE Act would encourage alternative fuel production and manufacture of the equipment and machinery that generates it. Only five states stand to gain more jobs than Ohio as a result of the policy changes in this legislation.

“Between July of 2005 and July 2006, Ohio lost another 10,000 manufacturing jobs,” said Policy Liaison Wendy Patton. “Instead of watching our industrial infrastructure slip away, we need to be building on our industrial base by doing what our global competitors are doing: creating a market for renewable energy and making sure domestic suppliers serve that market.”

“Investing in new fuel technologies will not only help break our fossil fuel dependence in favor of cleaner, more reliable alternatives, but will also create thousands of new family wage manufacturing jobs,” said Senator Maria Cantwell (D-Wash), co-chair of the Apollo Alliance and a member of the Senate Energy Committee. “This report proves that betting on American ingenuity and technological expertise is far better than continuing to gamble on the future good will of unfriendly Middle East regimes for our energy needs.”



APOLLO ALLIANCE REPORT:
Clean Energy Development for a Growing Economy:
Employment Impact of the Clean EDGE Act

ESTIMATED NUMBER OF JOBS CREATED BY STATE

--Alabama, 7,815	--Montana, 10,379
--Alaska, 806	--Nebraska, 2,769
--Arizona, 8,172	--Nevada, 3,328
--Arkansas, 5,451	--New Hampshire, 3,071
--California, 53,751	--New Jersey, 13,214
--Colorado, 7,504	--New Mexico, 2,235
--Connecticut, 6,290	--New York, 27,154
--Delaware, 1,259	--North Carolina, 17,459
--District of Columbia, 685	--North Dakota, 852
--Florida, 23,064	--Ohio, 25,634
--Georgia, 16,995	--Oklahoma, 5,342
--Hawaii, 1,181	--Oregon, 6,748
--Idaho, 1,952	--Pennsylvania, 25,965
--Illinois, 25,863	--Rhode Island, 1,960
--Indiana, 19,727	--South Carolina, 10,705
--Iowa, 5,632	--South Dakota, 1,553
--Kansas, 5,318	--Tennessee, 11,976
--Kentucky, 8,287	--Texas, 37,566
--Louisiana, 5,669	--Utah, 4,045
--Maine, 1,867	--Vermont, 1,411
--Maryland, 7,262	--Virginia, 13,425
--Massachusetts, 13,072	--Washington, 8,092
--Michigan, 29,318	--West Virginia, 3,076
--Minnesota, 10,379	--Wisconsin, 16,586
--Mississippi, 3,952	--Wyoming, 831
--Missouri, 13,782	