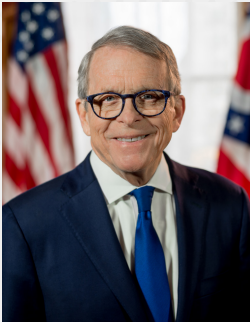


Letter from the Governor



Ohio is home to an amazing military and federal ecosystem that contributes to the critical defense of our nation and its advancements in space. This document reflects the indelible, positive economic impact this network creates in every corner of our state. As Governor, it has been a tremendous honor and a privilege to continue strengthening

this ecosystem. Because of the critical importance of the military to our state and great nation, our state's economic development organization, JobsOhio, instituted a new Federal and Military Industry Sector. The ability for this new sector to provide focused support to Ohio's many military and federal installations enhances the state's capacity to attract and retain the missions that will continue to propel us forward as leaders in national security, exploration and innovation.

Supporting these installations are a vast network of active-duty military, veterans, civilian employees, federal contractors and their families. These groups are vital, not only to the achievement of our missions, but to the continued economic health of the state. As we continue our strategy to generate more jobs, partnerships, and economic development opportunities throughout Ohio, we remain mindful of the robust programs and services benefiting our individual service members and their families.

The economic impact of our dedicated military and federal community is vast, and the figures in this document speak to the importance of investing in them to ensure Ohio continues to remain the #1 state for military and federal missions, their workforce, families and industry partners.