



Ohio Aviation Association

2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: Richard Cordray

Question 1

Aviation fuel used for general aviation (non-commercial) purposes is subject to the state sales tax and generates an estimated \$16 million each year in revenue. The Ohio Airport Grant Program provides funding for general aviation airports in the amount of \$6 million per year. Would you support an increased funding level that more equitably invests these aviation-generated tax dollars back into the state's aviation system?

YES	NO
<p>COMMENTS</p> <p>I intend to take a top-to-bottom look at funding when I become Governor, and I will rethink the state's priorities based on what evidence shows are the best ways to grow the economy, create jobs, and invest in the future. As part of that process I will certainly consider increasing the amount of funding that goes back into the state's aviation system.</p>	

Question 2

The Ohio Airport Grant Program is primarily funded from the general revenue fund and requires an appropriation from the General Assembly every two years. Other motor vehicle fuels are subject to the state motor vehicle tax and have a dedicated funding stream for highway and roadway infrastructure investment. Would you support the exploration and establishment of a dedicated and reliable funding mechanism for Ohio's airport infrastructure?

YES	NO
<p>COMMENTS</p> <p>I support research and development, and would support exploration of a dedicated and reliable funding mechanism for Ohio's airport infrastructure, which provides jobs across the state.</p>	

Question 3

Many other states have successfully demonstrated the use of incentives for commercial carriers and investment programs for commercial service airports to best position regions for enhanced air service. Would you support the development of funding programs to support air service development and terminal infrastructures at commercial service airports?

YES	NO
<p>COMMENTS</p>	

I understand and respect the importance of maximizing commercial air service in as many parts of the state as is possible. Improving modes of transportation to areas across the state will help spur job growth, and I appreciate the importance of investment programs to enhance air service.

Question 4

Ohio is the birthplace of aviation. Ohio's contributions to national and international air and space exploration are a point of pride. Ohio's aerospace and aviation industry employs more than 123,000 Ohioans and generates more than \$13 billion each year in economic activity. Do you support legislation and other initiatives aimed at reinforcing and expanding Ohio's prominence as a leader in aerospace and aviation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS			
Yes. Growing up in Ohio, I understand that being the birthplace of aviation is a point of pride.			

Question 5

We pride ourselves on having a productive relationship with the Ohio Department of Transportation, ODOT's Office of Aviation, and JobsOhio. Will you commit to working with OAA and other aviation and aerospace industry leaders to drive economic development and job creation?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS			
Yes. My administration will make a point of working and communicating closely with OAA and other aviation and aerospace industry leaders.			

Question 6

The nation is experiencing a significant pilot and aircraft mechanic shortage. Ohio has a number of programs that are making successful strides to respond to this need, providing great schooling, training and ultimately high paying jobs. Would you support an enhanced funding program that provides needed support for these programs to respond to the workforce training and development need?

<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS			
My administration will make it a major focus to expand workforce training and development -- improving the education and job training necessary to fill job openings in Ohio and close the skills gap that has been widening in our state.			

Are there any other comments you would like to share with our members?

I am focused on solutions. I am eager to work with you to find creative, effective solutions that will keep, grow and attract new industries. And I will support Ohio workers and the industries they serve.			
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