



Ohio Aviation Association

2018 Gubernatorial Candidate Survey

Candidate Name: Mike DeWine, 2018 Candidate for Ohio Governor

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
COMMENTS <i>When we're able, we should empower specific industries to offer greater investment in their infrastructure in this way, but the administration would need to review the details behind specific proposals. We will look forward to working with the OAA and other industry experts to fully understand these critical needs so we can be successful in offering support.</i>	

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
COMMENTS <i>The DeWine Administration will be glad to consider proposals to create a more reliable funding stream.</i>	

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
COMMENTS <i>It is critical that we maintain competitiveness in our aviation and aerospace infrastructure and as Governor, Mike DeWine will be glad to explore ways for public-private partnerships to spur investment and increase access and capability for more Ohioans. If these investments are made strategically in areas where there is growth potential, we can not only support the aerospace industry, but also improve connections to other modes of transportation and offer growth</i>	

opportunities across our economy.

It is also important that we explore openings to help our state leverage federal dollars when it is possible to do so and we will always advocate for industry in our state.

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 type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS <i>Mike DeWine is committed to maintaining and growing Ohio's place as a national leader in economic growth, innovation and technology. Being the birthplace of aviation and the home of John Glenn and Neil Armstrong, our position as a leader in aviation and aerospace should be celebrated. Ohio is already the number-one supplier to both Boeing and Airbus, and these are successes that can be built upon.</i>			

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 type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS <i>The DeWine administration will have an open door to anyone who wants to be a partner in driving economic development and job creation. Aviation and aerospace are key drivers of economic development across our economy and we look forward to working with you to grow the industry and Ohio's economy.</i>			

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 type="checkbox"/>	YES	<input type="checkbox"/>	NO
COMMENTS <i>Ohio's colleges and universities currently graduate over 10,000 engineers and engineer technicians every year, but we know that this is not enough. We must focus our workforce development efforts on STEM pathways to ensure industries across our economy have the workers they need in the years to come. It also provides significant opportunity for Ohio's students as these fields provide a number of high-paying and rewarding career opportunities.</i> <i>A cornerstone of the DeWine-Husted Administration will be its commitment to strengthening and developing our workforce for Ohio's future. The backbone of our economy is the strength and</i>			

resilience of our workforce and we intend to have a future-focus on these issues so people see Ohio as a place of opportunity for themselves and their families.

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

As Governor and Lt. Governor, Mike DeWine and Jon Husted are focused on ensuring a brighter future for all Ohioans. In order to do that, we need to grow Ohio's position as a leading place to find a rewarding career and raise a family. We will dedicate our service to providing opportunities for Ohioans to gain the skills necessary to compete and lead economically, which means fighting the opioid crisis, investing in our workforce and strengthening Ohio's economy.

Our workforce plan will focus heavily on STEM education, innovation, advanced manufacturing, talent attraction and the retention of the next generation of students in Ohio after graduation. We look forward to being a partner with leaders in aviation, like the Ohio Aviation Association, in achieving that goal.