

# AIR & HEALTH BENEFITS

## NEW REPORT: INVESTING IN ENERGY WASTE REDUCTION PROGRAMS WOULD REDUCE AIR POLLUTION AND IMPROVE PUBLIC HEALTH

A new report by Gabel Associates, a leading energy consulting firm, analyzed the benefits of cutting energy waste in Ohio and found that we could boost public health by eliminating toxic air pollution.

Air pollution sickens Ohioans and ups our health care costs by increasing asthma attacks, hospital visits, heart attacks, and respiratory disease. When we cut energy waste, we reduce demand for electricity, cutting emissions and the water use of power plants.

Under the middle range scenario considered in the report, the economic benefit of these public health improvements is \$14.2 billion. Ohio would also prevent the emissions of more than 140 million tons of carbon dioxide, 103 thousand tons of sulfur dioxide, and 93 thousand tons of nitrogen oxide.



# \$14.2 BILLION

*public health benefits*

## AVOIDED AIR POLLUTANTS



140 million tons of carbon dioxide

103 thousand tons of sulfur dioxide



93 thousand tons of nitrogen oxide

Particulate matter

In addition to these benefits, energy waste reduction saves us money, creates local jobs, and keeps our dollars here in Ohio. We can seize this opportunity by immediately investing in energy waste reduction initiatives.

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