



**TED STRICKLAND**  
GOVERNOR  
STATE OF OHIO

## **Executive Order 2009 – 14S**

### **Establishing the Ohio Auto Industry Support Council**

- 1. The Strength of Ohio's Auto Industry is Crucial to Ohio.** Ohio has a long history of manufacturing excellence in fields ranging from automobiles to jet engines. The innovations in research and development that have been established in Ohio are substantial. Specifically, the auto industry in Ohio is a critical asset to the state. Due to the economic structure of many areas of the state, it is important to ensure that the auto industry in Ohio not only remains but grows as it is an integral part of Ohio's economic vitality.
- 2. Ohio Must Address the Crisis Facing the Ohio Auto Industry.** The unprecedented times facing the nation's auto industry have undeniably affected the state of Ohio. Due to the uncertain times ahead, Ohio must act prudently by creating and implementing a coordinated approach to assist those affected by changes in the auto industry, be they laid-off workers, businesses which make or sell cars or car parts, or a local community losing its tax base. We must support all of those affected during this period of restructuring by developing strategies that will help Ohio position itself to grow and prosper in our changing global economy.
- 3. Establishment of the Ohio Auto Industry Support Council.** The situation facing the state's auto industry is unprecedented. In order to: (1) maximize communication and cooperation between affected parties and those who can help and support them, (2) develop and deploy innovative strategies for relief and recovery; and (3) assure collaborative efforts between local, state and local governments, businesses, workers, and non-profit organizations, I am ordering the establishment of the Ohio Auto Industry Support Council (the "Council"), a public-private partnership.

4. **Role of the Council.** The Council will serve as a means for Ohio businesses, workers and government entities to have a coordinated and impactful approach to the grave circumstances facing Ohio's auto industry. It will work to implement strategies aimed at stabilizing and growing the auto industry, including businesses which supply that industry, supporting workers in transition, and assisting local communities impacted by industry instability. The Council, in particular, will work to:
  - a. Identify, access, leverage and deploy financial and programmatic resources in ways that maximize their benefit for struggling businesses, workers and communities,
  - b. Develop, modify, and implement governmental policies so that they provide maximum assistance to struggling businesses, workers, and communities,
  - c. Define and design legislative proposals and legal strategies which will assist struggling businesses, workers, and communities.
5. **Council Composition.** I will appoint, as co-chairs of the Council, representatives from manufacturing and labor organizations. I will appoint as members of the Council:
  - a. The Directors of the Departments of Development and Job and Family Services and the Chancellor of the Board of Regents,
  - b. One person with expertise in the way each of the following issues is impacted by changes in the auto industry:
    - i. Worker Retraining
    - ii. Industry Transition
    - iii. Community Stability
  - c. One person representing the interests of auto dealers.
  - d. One legislator recommended to me by each of the following:
    - i. The Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives
    - ii. The President of the Ohio Senate
    - iii. The Minority Leader of the Ohio House of Representatives
    - iv. The Minority Leader of the Ohio Senate
6. **Coordination with the General Assembly's Joint Select Committee.** The Council's co-chairs shall assure that the Council's work is closely coordinated

with the General Assembly's Joint Select Committee on the Impact of the Changing Automobile Industry in Ohio to develop and enact laws aimed at stabilizing and supporting the auto industry. Legislative ideas generated by the Council should be quickly shared with the Joint Select Committee and determined efforts should be made to learn of any non-legislative suggestions the Joint Select Committee may wish the Council to review and consider.

7. **Council Meetings, Compensation, and Administrative Support.** The Council shall meet collectively or in work-groups as it deems appropriate and may include in any work groups it may form individuals who are not members of the Council. Members of the Council will not receive compensation for their service to the Council; however, consistent with Executive Orders previously issued, members may be reimbursed by the Department of Development for their reasonable and necessary expenses incurred in conducting the business of the Council. My Executive Assistant for Economic Development will serve as the staff liaison between the Council and the Ohio Economic Growth Cabinet. The Council may receive and manage donations and make expenditures from any such donations as it deems appropriate.
8. I signed this Executive order on August 4, 2009, in Columbus, Ohio, and it will not expire unless it is rescinded.



  
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Ted Strickland, Governor

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Jennifer Brunner, Secretary of State