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**Op-Ed: Ohio cuts red tape to spur job creation**

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In January 2011, when we first came into office, Gov. John Kasich and I promised to make Ohio a more jobs-friendly state. That was a time when Ohio faced significant challenges: our economy was in freefall, families and communities were struggling, and small businesses were unable to grow and create jobs. A solution was urgently needed. We needed to turn Ohio into a destination for business investment, a place where decision-makers were eager to invest and grow instead of remaining the forgettable "fly-over" state we had become for too many job creators. As one key component of that solution, the Kasich Administration focused on the way state government regulates with the goal of making the system more efficient, less burdensome and less expensive.

So, four years ago, in one of his first decisions as governor, John Kasich asked me to lead Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) to reform and improve Ohio's regulatory environment. Our goal was simple: improve the regulatory process in Ohio by encouraging more interaction with stakeholders and requiring a common-sense justification for any impact a regulation might have on job creators.

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