

PEOPLE

Five things you should know about PEOPLE:

① What is PEOPLE?

P-E-O-P-L-E stands for Public Employees Organized to Promote Legislative Equality. It's the official name of the AFSCME and OCSEA Political Action Committee. It coordinates the efforts of OCSEA and AFSCME members across the country to impact elections and protect the services OCSEA members provide.

② Why PEOPLE is important.

The PEOPLE program helps ensure the interests of working people – particularly public employees and the vital services they perform – are protected. Through PEOPLE, money is raised to help elect pro-worker officials and to lobby them to enact fair laws, budgets and policies.

③ Where the PEOPLE money goes.

While PEOPLE money goes to AFSCME to help elect labor-friendly politicians running for federal office, 50 percent of the money given by OCSEA members comes back directly to OCSEA to be used to elect labor-friendly candidates. Additional PEOPLE monies are sent to Ohio to advocate on behalf of candidates and issues that affect all Ohio AFSCME affiliates.

④ PEOPLE money does not come from union dues.

Federal and Ohio law prohibits the use of union dues for political contributions. Money for candidates must come from the voluntary contributions of individual members or their families, collected by the union in a fund that is kept separate from all union dues.

⑤ How to make a contribution to PEOPLE.

OCSEA members who work under a contract where a "check off" has been negotiated (such as State of Ohio employees) must fill out a deduction card. This allows members to donate a small, per-pay contribution. Just give the completed deduction card to a union staff representative or send it directly to OCSEA (see address below). Retirees and other employees who do not have a "check off" deduction can donate by making single or quarterly payments.

For more information call OCSEA's Governmental Affairs Department at 614-865-2646 or toll free at 800-266-5615, ext. 2646.



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Attention: PEOPLE

The 2008 Elections



HERE'S WHAT'S AT STAKE:

The Economy: Thanks to the disastrous policies of anti-labor politicians at the federal level, Ohio has lost approximately 200,000 total jobs and is poised to lose thousands more. In Ohio, tax "reform" measures by anti-labor state legislators have cleaned the coffers of state government, resulting in vital program cuts and state employee layoffs. Ohio's high unemployment rate, the mortgage/lending crisis, as well as skyrocketing food and gas prices all indicate Ohio is knee-deep in a recession.

Health Care: Ohioans spend more and more for health care but receive less and less coverage, while the number of Ohioans not insured grows. When governments face rising health care costs, there's less money for services – putting union members' jobs at risk. That's why it's important that we have quality, affordable coverage for all, so everyone – governments and employers – share the risk and the cost of providing health care equally.

Job Security: Outsourcing of state jobs to the private sector continues to be a threat. Public services are outsourced when anti-labor politicians rely on cronyism to make business decisions or when no attempt is made to truly compare services for quality and cost. OCSEA bargaining unit employees provide quality public services at an affordable cost. That's why it's important to vote for pro-labor candidates who support keeping jobs in Ohio and a strong safety net of public services.

**VOTE LABOR-FRIENDLY
CANDIDATES NOV. 4!**