

WHO SHOULD BE OUR NEXT BOSS?

COMPARING CANDIDATES FOR GOVERNOR



**AMY
ACTON**

*Former Director, Ohio
Department of Health*

*Former professor of
maternal and child health
at Ohio State University*



**VIVEK
RAMASWAMY**

*Former CEO of
pharmaceutical company*

*Former co-leader of
Department of
Government Efficiency
(DOGE)*

PUBLIC EMPLOYEES

- Vowed to be the most pro-union administration there has ever been in Ohio.
- Said she will change the workplace culture for state employees by “working alongside you and asking for your help.”
- Proud to be part of a union household. Her husband is a public school teacher and a long-time union member.

- As a presidential candidate, he proposed slashing the federal workforce by 75% through “large-scale reductions in force”.
- Worked with Elon Musk at DOGE to lay off thousands of federal workers.
- Has called American workers lazy and mediocre.

UNION RIGHTS

- Will use the Commerce Department and other state agencies to ensure employers follow Ohio’s Collective Bargaining law and crack down on wage theft and worker misclassification.
- Opposes Ohio ever becoming a right-to-work state.
- Has stood shoulder to shoulder with union members on the picket line to support collective bargaining rights.

- Said he wants to eliminate teachers’ unions because “our public schools are not about providing employment perks to members of unions.”
- Called for an end to federal worker unions and the elimination of civil service protections when he campaigned for president.

PENSIONS

- Has vowed to protect Ohio’s public pensions and to ensure that workers and retirees have a voice in their retirement system.

- Supports legislation allowing Ohio’s pension systems to make risky investments in cryptocurrency. (AFSCME opposes pension system investments in cryptocurrency.)

TAXES

- Has called for a Working Families tax cut to reduce costs for lower-and-middle income households.
- Expand Homestead Exemption for Seniors and create a Property Tax Spike rebate to offset sudden increases in property taxes.

- Wants to eliminate the state income tax which pays for public services and the salaries of state employees.
- Proposed rolling back property taxes to pre-pandemic rates. The cut would cost schools and local governments an estimated \$6.6 billion.

HEALTHCARE

- Reduce prescription drug prices for Ohioans by launching an online platform to leverage the purchasing power of the State of Ohio.
- Protect Ohioans against attacks on Medicaid and Medicare from Washington and Columbus.

- Called Medicaid and Medicare a “mistake”. (More than 5 million Ohioans depend on Medicare and Medicaid for their healthcare.)
- Criticized the number of employees at the Ohio Department of Medicaid. Plans to “simplify Medicaid bureaucracy” which could lead to job cuts.