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OHIO'S ENERGY FUTURE TOUR COMPLETES FIFTH STOP IN CINCINNATI

Collaboration among local businesses, health care, nonprofits and local governments draws crowd of over 75

Cincinnati, OH – Ohio's Energy Future Tour completed the fifth stop on its tour for Cincinnati on Monday at Cincinnati State Technical and Community College.

"The success of growing renewable energy and energy efficiency businesses in Cincinnati is a huge economic opportunity, and we have heard the same message in each of our tour stops around Ohio," commented Jane Harf, Spokesperson for the Tour.

Denis George, Corporate Manager of Energy at Kroger agreed, stating, "In a business where margins are thin and competition is extreme, energy efficiency produces great returns on investment, lowering costs and adding value for customers." Panelists ranged from local businesses, community experts, academia, public health and the agriculture community, and the discussion included business, regional and statewide opportunities for the state to embrace a clean energy future.

The Cincinnati forum provided an opportunity for energy experts, community leaders and the general public to offer their insights on the positive impacts of renewable energy, energy efficiency and other technologies in their local communities. Business owner and leader Steve Melink of [Melink Corporation](#) said, "America won in the previous transformation ages—the industrial age, the space age and the computer age. We need to win in the advanced energy age as well." Both audience members and panelists agreed on the need to disseminate information and promote more education—in schools at all levels and throughout community institutions and local government.

The next forum is planned for Athens on Wednesday, June 24th.

The statewide tour is organized by a collaboration of businesses, trade associations, nonprofits and local governments and is intended to spark a dialogue with stakeholders in an effort to help develop a new energy vision for Ohio. The forum is intended to help provide a path forward for developing an energy vision that returns Ohio to a position of national leadership. Upon completion of the tour, a compilation of ideas and recommendations will be compiled for use by policymakers.

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