



Advisory Councils: *Speak Out*

Questions for Advisory Councils:

 Articles marked with the Advisory Council logo have corresponding discussion questions below.

Government Reorganization (from page 1)

Does your council support reducing the size of state government through reorganization? What potential adverse affects can you foresee?

Climate Change Legislation (from page 2)

In what ways do you feel proposed climate change legislation can either hurt or help farmers?

Undercover activists (from page 3)

Are farmers in your council taking additional measures to protect themselves from undercover animal rights activists?

How can farmers be open and welcoming to the public, while at the same time protecting themselves from animal activists?

A selection of responses from the October guide Issue 2

Is your council supportive of Issue 2 and the Livestock Care Standards Board?

- Yes. It is important for our state to take action before anti-livestock forces do.
- We have questions. Where will the money come from to compensate the board members? Could this

be a way to protect the mega livestock operators?

- Yes, but we don't want this to turn into a coffee and donut board that doesn't accomplish anything.
- Yes and No. It seems to be an appropriate approach. If the Humane Society of the United States (HSUS) comes in the state for a vote, what can the board do? If this is passed can they oversee any other issues they would try to present?
- We need to keep a level head about the issue and not cause arguments.
- Yes. But we think 13 people are too many on the board for all to agree.
- Yes, we hope it passes. We've talked to nonfarming neighbors.
- Yes and no. It's probably better than letting animal rights people cause trouble. We wish we did not have such an issue but we must be on the offense to protect Ohio agriculture.
- We don't like regulation, but we like PETA and HSUS a whole lot less.
- Yes but with doubts. We hope this livestock care board will have farm knowledge and common sense. We realize it can also be a tool for activists if their ideas infiltrate and undermine our own "down on the farm" reasoning.
- The majority feel like a board, compromised of the type of people specified may keep PETA and HSUS from putting outrageous animal rights issues on the ballot. Others were suspicious about having a board that could potentially dictate farming methods. But most feel the board would enact "common sense" practices.
- We sill support it, however, we regret there is a need for it and feel some anxiety about where this issue may lead.

- Yes. Most have yard signs and are trying to educate our city friends.
- Yes we are. And we would be supportive of the appointed board.

Would your council be willing to help spread the word about Issue 2?

- Yes, we have included it at the county fair and local Ag Day.
- We will share brochures and write to newspapers.
- We have been handing out signs and placing information in prominent places.
- We need to know more about Issue 2 before we volunteer.
- No, our council is not willing to help spread the word about Issue 2. Most of us don't have computers.
- We have been spreading the word to everyone we see and we are putting signs around town where most people are not aware of what Issue 2 is about.
- Yes, each family member is getting a sign of some sort.
- Yard signs were distributed to council members and the issue was discussed at length.
- Yes, if we have more answers about Issue 2.
- Everyone has a sign.
- We will be making people aware of what we think, but we don't trust the government period. But we love our country.
- We are all handing out pamphlets now.
- We have already done some of this. I hope it is enough.

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