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- **Energy & Policy Institute: Householder "Backed A Bill To Bail Out [FirstEnergy's] Nuclear Power Plants."** "Larry Householder flew to Trump's inauguration on FirstEnergy's corporate jet, then later backed a bill to bail out the utility's nuclear power plants Rep. Householder is co-sponsoring another bill, HB 381, that would bail out FirstEnergy Solutions' nuclear power plants. Jeremy Pelzer at the Cleveland Plain Dealer recently reported on how FirstEnergy gave more than \$5,000 to Householder's campaign in the first two months of 2018, when it also doled out campaign cash to Ohio House candidates backing Householder's bid to become the next Speaker. Householder and his sons flew to DC on one of FirstEnergy's corporate jets to attend President Donald Trump's inauguration back in January 2017, according to a Dayton Daily News

report from March 2017: Householder, who names energy as one of the top issues facing Ohio, said he plans to either pay the cost of the flights out of his own pocket or disclose it on his ethics statement. He said he is still waiting to be billed by FirstEnergy for the trip.” [Energy & Policy Institute, [5/10/18](#)]

Merrin Accepted \$1,500 From FirstEnergy PAC. [Ohio Secretary of State, accessed [8/14/26](#)]

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July 2019: Merrin Voted For H.B. 6. [Ohio Legislature, H.B. 6, [7/23/19](#)]

H.B. 6 Was The Legislation Which Funded A \$1.3 Billion Of Companies Like FirstEnergy. “Ohioans are starting to receive notices that they are eligible to receive money from the FirstEnergy House Bill 6 scandal, but it is long from over. [...] Federal prosecutors say the \$1.3 billion bailout to companies like FirstEnergy raised electricity rates and had Ohioans paying for fossil fuel power plants.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [8/23/22](#)]

The \$1.3 Billion Bailout Was A Result Of FirstEnergy Paying Former Speaker Householder \$61 Million In Bribes And Led To Householder Being Sentenced To 20 Years In Prison. “In 2023, former Ohio House Speaker Larry Householder, R-Glenford, was sentenced to 20 years in federal prison for his role in a conspiracy in which FirstEnergy paid \$61 million in bribes to get a \$1.3 billion ratepayer

bailout. Former FirstEnergy CEO Chuck Jones and Vice President Michael Dowling face felony charges in the same scandal.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [11/14/25](#)]

... And He Voted To Allow FirstEnergy To Keep Raising Rates On Consumers Even After The Bailout.

Merrin Voted For A Partial Repeal Of HB 6 Which Allowed FirstEnergy Subsidiaries To Keep Surcharges On Customers To Support Their Coal Plants

Merrin Voted For H.B. 128, Which Passed Unanimously. [Ohio General Assembly, HB 128, Votes, [3/25/21](#)]

H.B. 128 Did A Partial Repeal Of H.B. 6 And Retained Its Subsidies For Utility-Scale Solar Projects And For Two Coal Plants. “The final nail in the coffin of Ohio’s nuclear subsidies occurred on March 31 when Gov. Mike DeWine signed H.B. 128, a bill passed unanimously by the state’s Senate last Thursday. Approved 86-7 by the Ohio House on March 10, H.B. 128 strips the nuclear subsidy provisions from H.B. 6, the controversial and, since last July, scandal-scarred piece of legislation signed into law in 2019 to aid Ohio’s economically challenged nuclear facilities, Davis-Besse and Perry. H.B. 128 also removes the earlier bill’s ‘decoupling’ provision, which would have been of substantial financial benefit to FirstEnergy Corporation, the former parent company of Energy Harbor, owner and operator of Davis-Besse and Perry. The new bill retains H.B. 6’s subsidies for utility-scale solar projects, however, and for two coal plants (one in Ohio, one in Indiana).” [American Nuclear Society, [3/31/21](#)]

H.B. 6 Authorized Surcharges On Ohio Customers To Support Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative’s Coal Plants In Ohio And Indiana From 2020 To 2030. “From 2020 to 2030, the bill also authorizes an additional surcharge on Ohio customers to support coal plants in the Ohio Valley Electric Cooperative (OVEC) located in Ohio and Indiana.” [Midwest Energy Efficiency Alliance, [4/7/21](#)]

- **OVEC Was Partly Owned By FirstEnergy Subsidiaries.** [OVEC, Shareholders, accessed [5/14/26](#)]

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2021: Merrin Received \$1,000 From AEP, Who Received \$6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks From Ohio

July 2021: American Electric Power Ohio Committee For Responsible Government Donated \$1,000

To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Contributor Name ↑	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER OHIO COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	C00096842	1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA 26TH FLOOR	COLUMBUS	OH	43215	SEMIANNUAL (JULY)	2021	07/30/2021	\$1,000.00

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According To Policy Matters Ohio, American Electric Power Had Received An Estimated \$6.3 Million In State Sales Tax Breaks For Data Centers As Of September 2024. “First created in 2013, Ohio’s sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least \$100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least \$1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth \$72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County.” [Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

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Cologix, Inc.	10	75%	15	\$1.5M	\$153.7M	\$6.63M
Cleveland Tech Holdings LLC	15	100%	20	\$1.5M	\$100M	\$5.75M
American Electric Power Service Corporation	15	100%	17	\$2.2M	\$109.5M	\$6.3M

[Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

2022: Merrin Received A Donation From Windstream Holdings’ PAC, Who Had Two Ohio Data Centers And Had “Key Data Center Locations” Made By Companies Who Received Tax Breaks

2022: Merrin Received \$500 From Windstream Holdings LLC

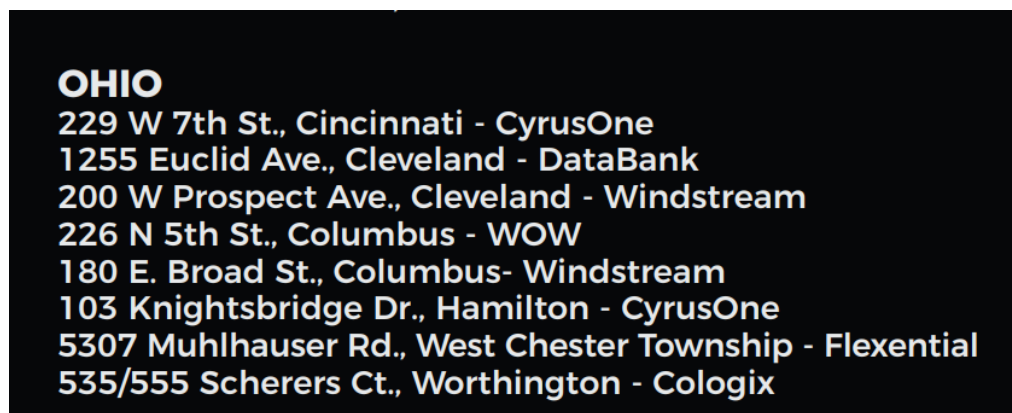
September 2022: Windstream Holdings II LLC PAC Gave \$500 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Contributor Name ↑≡	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II LLC PAC	C00425975	4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	PRE-GENERAL	2022	09/12/2022	\$500.00

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Windstream Holdings Listed Eight “Key Data Center Locations” In Ohio, Two Of Which Were Hosted By Companies Benefiting From Data Center Tax Breaks

2022: Windstream Listed Eight “Key Data Center Locations,” Including 103 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton, And 535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington. [Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed [6/24/26](#)]



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Note: Windstream and Uniti [merged](#) together in 2025. All old Windstream holdings are thus hosted under the Uniti website.

One Of Windstream’s “Key Data Center Locations” Was Operated By Cologix, Who Had Received Over \$6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks And Was Projected To Receive \$42 Million More

2016: Windstream Announced It Would Be Hosting A Colocation Point Of Presence At A Data Center At 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio, Owned By Cologix. “Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced it has recently completed construction of a new colocation point of presence (PoP) in Dallas, Texas, and plans to complete construction of a new colocation PoP in Columbus, Ohio, in October – both in facilities operated by Cologix, a network-neutral interconnection and data center company. This adds to Windstream's already-established presence in the Cologix Minneapolis and Jacksonville data centers, and aligns with Windstream's continued aggressive Data Center Interconnect (DCI) efforts, adding carrier neutral data centers to its network and giving its wholesale and enterprise customers more options to access cloud resources. [...] 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio The Cologix Columbus facility is strategically located at the convergence point for national carrier long-haul and regional carrier fiber networks in Central Ohio, providing an advantageous site for disaster recovery deployments backing up primary sites in Chicago and New York.” [Windstream, Press Release, [8/10/16](#)]

2022: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted Unanimously To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For Cologix For A Data Center Project In Columbus. “Cologix, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a data center project in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. Lindner made a motion to approve a tax credit of 75% for 10 years for Cologix, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 15 full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,500,000 in new annual payroll and to retain \$1,892,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2023 and end on 12/31/2032. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.” [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Meeting Minutes, [8/29/22](#)]

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June 2026: Ohio Officials Approved A \$42 Million Tax Exemption For Cologix’s Planned Data Centers In The Columbus Area. “Ohio officials have approved a new \$42.3 million tax exemption for a pair of giant data center projects in the Columbus area. The move comes days after Gov. Mike DeWine announced a pause on these kinds of tax exemptions as scrutiny has grown over their mushrooming costs for the state. The new tax exemption will subsidize Cologix Inc.’s planned data centers in suburban Delaware and Licking counties.” [Signal Ohio, [6/1/26](#)]

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200 W Prospect Ave., Cleveland - Windstream
226 N 5th St., Columbus - WOW
180 E. Broad St., Columbus- Windstream
103 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton - CyrusOne
5307 Muhlhauser Rd., West Chester Township - Flexential
535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington - Cologix

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December 2023: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For CyrusOne For A Data Center Project In Lebanon. “CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax exemption for a project in the City of Lebanon, Warren County. Restrepo made a motion to approve a tax exemption of 75% for 10 years for CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 10 full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,500,000 in new annual at the project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company’s baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2024 and end on 12/31/2033. Kelly abstained. McGraw seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.” [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/23](#)]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, CyrusOne Had Received An Estimated \$5.82 Million In State Sales Data Center Tax Breaks As Of September 2024. “First created in 2013, Ohio’s sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least \$100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least \$1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth \$72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County.” [Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

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October 2025: Data Center Tax Breaks Had Cost Ohio \$2.5 Billion So Far

Ohio Signal Headline: “Data Centers In Ohio Have Claimed \$2.5 Billion In Tax Breaks Since 2017, Report Says.” [Ohio Signal, [10/6/25](#)]

A Report Showed That Data Centers Had Received \$2.5 Billion In State And Local Tax Incentives Between 2017 And 2024. “Data centers in Ohio have received \$2.5 billion in state and local tax incentives between 2017 and 2024, according to a new, industry-backed report. These tax breaks come from three major places. First, for large scale facilities, there’s an exemption to the state’s 5.75% sales tax. Then there are state job creation tax credits. And finally, local governments usually grant data centers 75% property tax abatements lasting 15- to 30 years.” [Ohio Signal, [10/6/25](#)]

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Consumer Reports: Residential Electricity Prices Were Rising Due To Hyperscale Data Centers Which Demanded “A Nearly Unimaginable Amount Of Energy.” “It’s no secret that electricity costs across the U.S. are skyrocketing. Residential prices jumped 7.1 percent in 2025—more than double the inflation rate—and topped 20 percent in some states, according to federal data. The AI data center rush isn’t the only factor driving up prices—others include inflation and an aging power grid—but it’s a significant one. That’s because hyperscale data centers demand a nearly unimaginable amount of energy. The International Energy Agency says a typical hyperscale data center might use 100 megawatts (MW), as much electricity as 100,000 households.” [Consumer Reports, [3/20/26](#)]

Data Centers Were Using Up To 5 Million Gallons Of Water Every Day And Were Largely Built In Areas Already Experiencing Water Stress. “In the process, a data center can use up to 5 million gallons of water every day, as much as 16,000-plus average U.S. households, according to Environmental Protection Agency estimates. [...] What’s more, about two-thirds of the data centers built since 2022 are in areas already experiencing water stress, according to a Bloomberg News investigation.” [Consumer Reports, [3/20/26](#)]

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HB 49 Expanded Section 122.175 Such That Data Center Projects From 2013 Were Eligible For The State Tax Credit If They Invested \$100 Million At The Project Site In Six Calendar Years Instead Of Five. “‘Eligible computer data center’ means a computer data center that satisfies all of the following requirements: (a) One or more taxpayers operating a computer data center business at the project site will, in the aggregate, make payments for a capital investment project of at least one hundred million dollars at the project site during one of the following cumulative periods: (i) For projects beginning in 2013, six consecutive calendar years;” [Ohio Code- Section 122.175, effective [9/29/17](#)]

2021: Merrin Received \$1,000 From AEP, Who Received \$6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks From Ohio

July 2021: American Electric Power Ohio Committee For Responsible Government Donated \$1,000 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Contributor Name ↑	Contributor Non Individual	Contributing PAC Reg No	Address	City	State	Zip	Report Type	Year	Contribution Date	Amount
	AMERICAN ELECTRIC POWER OHIO COMMITTEE FOR RESPONSIBLE GOVERNMENT	C00096842	1 RIVERSIDE PLAZA 26TH FLOOR	COLUMBUS	OH	43215	SEMIANNUAL (JULY)	2021	07/30/2021	\$1,000.00

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, American Electric Power Had Received An Estimated \$6.3 Million In State Sales Tax Breaks For Data Centers As Of September 2024. “First created in 2013, Ohio’s sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at



least \$100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least \$1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth \$72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County.” [Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

Ohio Sales Tax Exemptions, September 2024

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The Kroger Co.	15	75%	15	\$1.5M	\$104.85M	\$4.52M
Sidecat LLC (Meta)	15	100%	50	\$4M	\$750M	\$43.13M
Quality Technology Services, LLC	15	100%	10	\$1.5M	\$1.55B	\$89.36M
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Ohio River Partners Shareholder LLC	10	75%	25	\$1.5M	\$120M	\$5.18M
Montauk Innovations LLC (Google)	15	100%	30	\$2.5M	\$600M	\$34.5M
Involta, LLC	15	75%	11	\$1.15M	\$30M	\$1.29M
CyrusOne Management Services LLC	10	75%	10	\$1.5M	\$135M	\$5.82M
Cologix, Inc.	10	75%	15	\$1.5M	\$153.7M	\$6.63M
Cleveland Tech Holdings LLC	15	100%	20	\$1.5M	\$100M	\$5.75M
American Electric Power Service Corporation	15	100%	17	\$2.2M	\$109.5M	\$6.3M

[Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

2022: Merrin Received A Donation From Windstream Holdings’ PAC, Who Had Two Ohio Data Centers And Had “Key Data Center Locations” Made By Companies Who Received Tax Breaks

2022: Merrin Received \$500 From Windstream Holdings LLC

September 2022: Windstream Holdings II LLC PAC Gave \$500 To Derek Merrin. [Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

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	WINDSTREAM HOLDINGS II LLC PAC	C00425975	4001 RODNEY PARHAM ROAD	LITTLE ROCK	AR	72212	PRE-GENERAL	2022	09/12/2022	\$500.00

[Ohio Secretary of State, Contributions Search, accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Windstream Holdings Listed Eight “Key Data Center Locations” In Ohio, Two Of Which Were Hosted By Companies Benefiting From Data Center Tax Breaks

2022: Windstream Listed Eight “Key Data Center Locations,” Including 103 Knightsbridge Dr.,

Hamilton, And 535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington. [Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed [6/24/26](#)]

OHIO

229 W 7th St., Cincinnati - CyrusOne
1255 Euclid Ave., Cleveland - DataBank
200 W Prospect Ave., Cleveland - Windstream
226 N 5th St., Columbus - WOW
180 E. Broad St., Columbus- Windstream
103 Knightsbridge Dr., Hamilton - CyrusOne
5307 Muhlhauser Rd., West Chester Township - Flexential
535/555 Scherers Ct., Worthington - Cologix

[Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed [6/24/26](#)]

Note: Windstream and Uniti [merged](#) together in 2025. All old Windstream holdings are thus hosted under the Uniti website.

One Of Windstream's "Key Data Center Locations" Was Operated By Cologix, Who Had Received Over \$6 Million In Data Center Tax Breaks And Was Projected To Receive \$42 Million More

2016: Windstream Announced It Would Be Hosting A Colocation Point Of Presence At A Data Center At 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio, Owned By Cologix. "Windstream (NASDAQ: WIN), a leading provider of advanced network communications, today announced it has recently completed construction of a new colocation point of presence (PoP) in Dallas, Texas, and plans to complete construction of a new colocation PoP in Columbus, Ohio, in October – both in facilities operated by Cologix, a network-neutral interconnection and data center company. This adds to Windstream's already-established presence in the Cologix Minneapolis and Jacksonville data centers, and aligns with Windstream's continued aggressive Data Center Interconnect (DCI) efforts, adding carrier neutral data centers to its network and giving its wholesale and enterprise customers more options to access cloud resources. [...] 555 Scherers Court, Columbus, Ohio The Cologix Columbus facility is strategically located at the convergence point for national carrier long-haul and regional carrier fiber networks in Central Ohio, providing an advantageous site for disaster recovery deployments backing up primary sites in Chicago and New York." [Windstream, Press Release, [8/10/16](#)]

2022: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted Unanimously To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For Cologix For A Data Center Project In Columbus. "Cologix, Inc. appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax credit for a data center project in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. Lindner made a motion to approve a tax credit of 75% for 10 years for Cologix, Inc. in exchange for a commitment to create 15 full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,500,000 in new annual payroll and to retain \$1,892,000 in existing payroll at the project location in the City of Columbus, Franklin County. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2023 and end on 12/31/2032. Cooper seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes." [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Meeting Minutes, [8/29/22](#)]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, Cologix Had Received An Estimated \$6.63 Million In State Sales Data Center Tax Breaks As Of September 2024. "First created in 2013, Ohio's sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least \$100 million in

capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least \$1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth \$72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County.” [Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

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[Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

June 2026: Ohio Officials Approved A \$42 Million Tax Exemption For Cologix’s Planned Data Centers In The Columbus Area. “Ohio officials have approved a new \$42.3 million tax exemption for a pair of giant data center projects in the Columbus area. The move comes days after Gov. Mike DeWine announced a pause on these kinds of tax exemptions as scrutiny has grown over their mushrooming costs for the state. The new tax exemption will subsidize Cologix Inc.’s planned data centers in suburban Delaware and Licking counties.” [Signal Ohio, [6/1/26](#)]

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[Uniti Wholesale, 2022 Key Data Center Locations, Accessed [6/24/26](#)]

December 2023: The Ohio Tax Credit Authority Voted To Approve A 75% Tax Credit For CyrusOne For A Data Center Project In Lebanon. “CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC appeared before the Tax Credit Authority requesting a tax exemption for a project in the City of Lebanon, Warren County. Restrepo made a motion to approve a tax exemption of 75% for 10 years for CyrusOne Management Services LLC; C1 Cincinnati – North Cincinnati LLC in exchange for a commitment to create 10 full-time equivalent employees generating \$1,500,000 in new annual at the project location. In addition, the company will claim the tax credit on Ohio employee payroll generated at the project location in excess of the company’s baseline payroll at the project location. The tax credit would begin on 1/1/2024 and end on 12/31/2033. Kelly abstained. McGraw seconded. The vote was 4-0. All present voted yes.” [Ohio Tax Credit Authority, Meeting Minutes, [12/10/23](#)]

According To Policy Matters Ohio, CyrusOne Had Received An Estimated \$5.82 Million In State Sales Data Center Tax Breaks As Of September 2024. “First created in 2013, Ohio’s sales-tax exemption covers computer data center equipment, as well as materials used in constructing the centers. The Ohio Tax Credit Authority, a five-member board headed by the director of the state development department, approves the initial exemption. To qualify, a company must make at least \$100 million in capital investment over three years and pay annual compensation to employees of at least \$1.5 million. One recent example: The Tax Credit Authority on Oct. 28 approved a 15-year sales tax exemption estimated to be worth \$72.5 million for Microsoft covering three new data centers in Licking County.” [Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

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[Policy Matters Ohio, [1/7/25](#)]

October 2025: Data Center Tax Breaks Had Cost Ohio \$2.5 Billion So Far

Ohio Signal Headline: “Data Centers In Ohio Have Claimed \$2.5 Billion In Tax Breaks Since 2017, Report Says.” [Ohio Signal, [10/6/25](#)]

A Report Showed That Data Centers Had Received \$2.5 Billion In State And Local Tax Incentives Between 2017 And 2024. “Data centers in Ohio have received \$2.5 billion in state and local tax incentives between 2017 and 2024, according to a new, industry-backed report. These tax breaks come from three major places. First, for large scale facilities, there’s an exemption to the state’s 5.75% sales tax. Then there are state job creation tax credits. And finally, local governments usually grant data centers 75% property tax abatements lasting 15- to 30 years.” [Ohio Signal, [10/6/25](#)]

These Data Centers Consume Massive Amounts Of Electricity, Pushing Energy Costs Higher For Families And Small Businesses And Drain Local Water Supplies That Farms And Homes Depend On.

Data Centers Were Found To Be Raising Energy Costs And Draining Local Water Supplies

Consumer Reports: Residential Electricity Prices Were Rising Due To Hyperscale Data Centers Which Demanded “A Nearly Unimaginable Amount Of Energy.” “It’s no secret that electricity costs across the U.S. are skyrocketing. Residential prices jumped 7.1 percent in 2025—more than double the inflation rate—and topped 20 percent in some states, according to federal data. The AI data center rush isn’t the only factor driving up prices—others include inflation and an aging power grid—but it’s a significant one. That’s because hyperscale data centers demand a nearly unimaginable amount of energy. The International Energy Agency says a typical hyperscale data center might use 100 megawatts (MW), as much electricity as 100,000 households.” [Consumer Reports, [3/20/26](#)]

Data Centers Were Using Up To 5 Million Gallons Of Water Every Day And Were Largely Built In Areas Already Experiencing Water Stress. “In the process, a data center can use up to 5 million gallons of water every day, as much as 16,000-plus average U.S. households, according to Environmental Protection Agency estimates. [...] What’s more, about two-thirds of the data centers built since 2022 are in areas already experiencing water stress, according to a Bloomberg News investigation.” [Consumer Reports, [3/20/26](#)]

Derek Merrin Message #3 Backup

Merrin supports one of the largest billionaire tax cuts in history that pays for the tax cuts by gutting Medicaid, threatening Social Security, kicking millions of people off their health insurance, and potentially closing hospitals all across Ohio.

Merrin Supports One Of The Largest Billionaire Tax Cuts In History...

Merrin Supported The Big Beautiful Bill

Merrin Supported The Big Beautiful Bill. “I’m excited to hear @realDonaldTrump as he highlights the accomplishments of his Administration & the Republican Congress. The America First agenda — including the Big Beautiful Bill is helping families keep more money in their pockets, lowering energy costs, and making progress to reign in Biden’s inflation. That momentum matters in Northwest Ohio, where strong, high paying jobs, and opportunity must come first.” [Derek Merrin, Twitter, [2/24/26](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Included One Of The Largest Tax Cuts For Billionaires Ever

The One Big Beautiful Bill Would Enact The Largest Upward Wealth Transfer In American History

Legal Defense Fund: The One Big Beautiful Bill Grants “More Than \$4.5 Trillion In Tax Breaks-- Mostly For Billionaires.” “President Trump’s ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’ (OBBBA) made the largest-ever cuts to social safety net programs in U.S. history to fund tax cuts for the ultrawealthy and corporations. The OBBBA extends, expands, or implements more than \$4.5 trillion in tax breaks — mostly for billionaires — while making more than \$1 trillion in cuts to programs that many rely on for health care, adequate nutrition, and student loans.” [Legal Defense Fund, accessed [8/28/26](#)]

The Atlantic: “House Republicans Worked Through The Night To Advance A Massive Piece Of Legislation That Might, If Enacted, Carry Out The Largest Upward Transfer Of Wealth In American History.” “House Republicans worked through the night to advance a massive piece of legislation that might, if enacted, carry out the largest upward transfer of wealth in American history. That is not a side effect of the legislation, but its central purpose. The ‘big, beautiful bill’ would pair huge cuts to food assistance and health insurance for low-income Americans with even larger tax cuts for affluent ones.” [The Atlantic, [5/22/25](#)]

- **The Atlantic Headline: “The Largest Upward Transfer Of Wealth In American History.”** [The Atlantic, [5/22/25](#)]

CAP: “The One Big Beautiful Bill Act Would Issue The Largest Transfer Of Wealth From Working-Class Americans To The Ultrawealthy In The Nation’s History.” “The One Big Beautiful

Bill Act would issue the largest transfer of wealth from working-class Americans to the ultrawealthy in the nation's history. To do so, House Republicans are proposing to cut programs that are essential to people, especially in states that voted for Trump in the last election, in order to pay for tax cuts for the wealthiest Americans. Under this proposal, millionaires would see a larger tax cut than the bottom half of Americans combined—with more than \$1.5 trillion in tax cuts going to the top 5 percent. In total, households that make at least \$1 million per year would receive roughly twice as much in tax breaks as the bottom 50 percent of the nation combined. Roughly 57 million households in the bottom 60 percent would see a tax increase or a negligible tax change (\$100 in either direction) under the House Republican proposal. Not only does this proposal extend the 2017 Tax Cuts and Jobs Act's tax breaks for the wealthy, but it also adds additional loopholes that skew the tax code even more in favor of the ultrawealthy. Polling demonstrates that Republican voters oppose the bill when they learn that the tax cuts overwhelmingly benefit those who are already rich." [Center for American Progress, [6/13/25](#)]

- **CNBC: Households In The Top 5% Were “The Biggest Winners.”** “House Republicans passed a budget plan Tuesday that lays the groundwork to extend the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, a package of tax breaks enacted in 2017 during President Donald Trump’s first term. [...] However, with an extension, the largest tax cuts would accrue to the highest-income families, the Treasury said. Household in the top 5% — who earn more than \$450,000 a year, roughly — are the ‘biggest winners,’ according to a July 2024 analysis by the Urban-Brookings Tax Policy Center. They’d get over 45% of the benefits of extending the Tax Cuts and Jobs Act, it said. A Penn Wharton Budget Model analysis on the impacts of the broad Republican tax plan had a similar finding. The bottom 80% of income earners would get 29% of the total value of proposed tax cuts in 2026, according to the Wharton analysis, issued Thursday. The top 10% would get 56% of the value, it said.” [CNBC, [3/3/25](#)]

Economic Policy Institute: “The Radical Republican Budget Bill Steals From The Poor To Give Tax Cuts To The Rich.” [Economic Policy Institute, [7/2/25](#)]

Cronkite News Headline: “Historic Tax Cuts In Trump’s Big Beautiful Bill Have Wide Gap Between Winners And Big Winners.” [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill Gave The Richest Americans The Bulk Of The Tax Cuts

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Biggest Tax Cuts Benefited The Wealthiest. “The One Big Beautiful Bill includes the largest tax cuts in U.S. history. Whether it’s actually ‘beautiful’ is in the eye of the beholder. At every income level taxes should subside. That’s a big selling point from President Donald Trump and fellow Republicans who pushed the law through Congress with no Democratic support. It will benefit everyone. But the biggest cuts go to the wealthiest taxpayers – the ones who pay the lion’s share of taxes. For most families the savings will be miniscule in comparison, in raw dollars and as a share of income. And millions will lose subsidized health insurance and other benefits. Critics see a plan that widens income inequality and, worse, offsets tax cuts for the wealthy with draconian spending cuts that hit lower-income households.” [Cronkite News, [7/16/25](#)]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The House-Passed Reconciliation Bill Would Give The Richest 1% Of Americans \$117 Billion In Net Tax Cuts In 2026. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The richest 1 percent of Americans would receive a total of \$117 billion in net tax cuts in 2026. The middle 20 percent of taxpayers on the income scale, a group that has 20 times the number of taxpayers as the richest 1

percent, would receive less than half that much, \$53 billion in net tax cuts that year.” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

Institute On Taxation And Economic Policy: The Value Of The Tax Cuts In The One Big Beautiful Bill Exceeded The Amount Going To The Entire Bottom 60%. “The House of Representatives today narrowly passed a massive tax and spending reconciliation bill that now heads to President Trump’s desk. Please see below for a statement from ITEP and our latest updated analysis of how the bill’s tax provisions will affect families at different income levels nationally and in every state. [...] The \$117 billion in net tax cuts going to the richest 1 percent next year would exceed the amount going to the entire bottom 60 percent of taxpayers (about \$77 billion).” [Institute on Taxation and Economic Policy, [7/3/24](#)]

... That Pays For The Tax Cuts By Gutting Medicaid...

The Big Beautiful Bill Enacted Around \$1 Trillion In Cuts To Medicaid To Pay For Its Tax Cuts

The Big Beautiful Bill’s Tax Cuts Would Be “Partially Paid For” With About \$1 Trillion In Medicaid Cuts. “Senate Republicans on Tuesday passed the largest cuts to Medicaid since the program began in the 1960s, a move that would erode the social safety net and cause a spike in the number of uninsured Americans over the next decade. The tax and spending bill is projected to cost more than \$3 trillion during that time, but it would be partially paid for with about \$1 trillion in cuts to Medicaid.” [The Hill, [7/1/25](#)]

... Threatening Social Security...

The Big Beautiful Bill Threatened Social Security By Accelerating Insolvency, Which Would Lead To Cuts As Early As 2032

Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget Headline: “OBBBA Would Accelerate Social Security & Medicare Insolvency.” [Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget, [6/27/25](#)]

The Big Beautiful Bill Reduced The Revenue Collected From The Income Taxation Of Social Security Benefits, Reducing Total Taxation Of Benefits By \$30 Billion And Accelerating Social Security Insolvency. “However, OBBBA would impact Social Security and Medicare indirectly, mainly by reducing the revenue collected from the income taxation of Social Security benefits, which is deposited into the Social Security and Medicare trust funds. [...] We estimate that the extension and expansion of the 2017 tax cuts, the expanded senior deduction, and other OBBBA changes would reduce total taxation of benefits by roughly \$30 billion per year. This would be enough to accelerate insolvency of the Social Security Old-Age and Survivors (OASI) trust fund from early 2033 to late 2032 and to accelerate insolvency of the HI trust fund from late 2033 to mid-2032.” [Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget, [6/27/25](#)]

Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget: “We Estimate That Social Security Beneficiaries Would Face An Across-The-Board Benefit Cut Of Around 24 Percent” Upon Insolvency. “Upon insolvency in 2032, we estimate that Social Security beneficiaries would face an across-the-board benefit cut of around 24 percent – even deeper than the cuts scheduled under current law. HI payments, meanwhile, would be cut by 11 percent.” [Committee For A Responsible Federal Budget, [6/27/25](#)]

... Kicking Millions Of People Off Their Health Insurance, And Potentially Closing Hospitals All Across Ohio.

The Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Off Over 14 Million People Off Their Health Insurance And Put Rural Hospitals In Ohio At Risk Of Closure

The One Big Beautiful Bill Was Estimated To Kick Millions Of People Off Their Health Insurance Coverage

KFF: “CBO Estimates Show That The Number Of Uninsured People Will Increase By More Than 14 Million In 2034.” “President Trump signed into law on July 4, 2025 a budget reconciliation package (formerly called the ‘One Big Beautiful Bill Act’) that will make significant changes to Medicaid and the Affordable Care Act (ACA) Marketplaces. The Congressional Budget Office (CBO) estimates that, relative to its estimates of insurance coverage prior to the law being enacted, the law will increase the number of people without health insurance in 2034 by 10 million, because of changes to Medicaid (7.5 million), the ACA Marketplaces (2.1 million), and other policies and interactions among different provisions (0.4 million). These legislative changes come at a time when enhanced premium tax credits for ACA Marketplace enrollees are set to expire later this year. When combining the impact of the reconciliation law with that of the expected expiration of the ACA’s enhanced premium tax credits, CBO estimates show that the number of uninsured people will increase by more than 14 million in 2034. That estimate does not account for the effects of the Trump administration’s ACA Marketplace Integrity and Affordability rule finalized earlier this year, so the overall change in the number of uninsured people could be even larger.” [KFF, [8/20/25](#)]

- **Politico: “The Final Bill, Passed By The House On Thursday, Delivered A \$1 Trillion-Plus Cut To Health Care Programs And Could Lead To An Estimated 11.8 Million People Losing Their Insurance.”** “Republicans just delivered Donald Trump a ‘big, beautiful’ legislative win. Now they’re fretting it will lead to some ugly electoral losses. GOP lawmakers are warning that slashing spending on Medicaid and food assistance will cost the party seats in the midterms — threatening their razor-thin House majority — by kicking millions of Americans off safety-net programs. [...] The final bill, passed by the House on Thursday, delivered a \$1 trillion-plus cut to health care programs and could lead to an estimated 11.8 million people losing their insurance.” [Politico, [7/6/25](#)]

The One Big Beautiful Bill’s Medicaid Cuts Threatened Hospital Closures All Across Ohio

Ohio Capital Journal Headline: “10 Ohio Hospitals Face Risk Of Closure Due To Trump/Republican Spending Law, Analysis Shows.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [4/7/26](#)]

Ten Safety-Net Hospitals In Ohio Were At Risk Of Closure Due To Health Cuts Under The Big Beautiful Bill. “Ten safety-net hospitals are at risk of closure in Ohio due to health cuts under a Republican spending law President Donald Trump signed last summer, according to a new analysis. The law also cut taxes on the richest 1% of Americans by \$1 trillion. Ohio Republican U.S. Sen. Jon Husted, who voted for it, declined to comment. Trump’s One Big Beautiful Bill Act cuts nearly \$1 trillion from Medicaid over 10 years, and those cuts risk closing 446 safety-net hospitals nationwide, said the report by Public Citizen.” [Ohio Capital Journal, [4/7/26](#)]

The Hospitals At Risk Of Closure Included Hospitals In Xenia, Bellefontaine, Coshocton, Denison, Lorain, Euclid, And Conneaut. “In Ohio, the at-risk hospitals are: Greene Memorial Hospital in Xenia Mary Rutan Hospital in Bellefontaine Coshocton Regional Medical Center in Coshocton Twin City



Hospital in Denison Mercy Regional Medical Center in Lorain Marymount Hospital in Garfield Heights South Pointe Hospital in Warrensville Heights Lake Health Beachwood Medical Center in Beechwood Euclid Hospital in Euclid UH Conneaut Medical Center in Conneaut” [Ohio Capital Journal, [4/7/26](#)]