

OHIO STATE GRANGE

PRESENT POLICY: TAXATION

1999-2009

1999 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports removing "labor and services" in Ohio's sales tax.
2. Request National Grange to advocate and support a bill or bills to modify the Social Security Offset Law to relieve those in low paying PERS, SERS, and STRS occupations and allow them to receive their total and full Social Security benefits.

2000 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Opposes any change in current federal law that would allow the charging of state sales tax or its equivalent on any sales on the Internet.
2. Favors a change to increase the retirement credit to be on \$24,000 instead of \$8,000 as top retirement, and the balance of the percentages change accordingly.
3. Supports pointing out to lawmakers that if they truly support family values they would not penalize marriage in the tax code and should give married couples a tax advantage for filing jointly. Favors a joint credit change to increase the 20% credit to be \$75,000 instead of \$25,000 and the balance of the percentage change accordingly and raise the total credit accordingly.
4. Supports legislation to exempt 75% of Social Security benefits from tax.
5. Opposes any efforts by lawmakers who attempt to lower or reduce highway gasoline taxes which would then reduce highway funds and jeopardize highway safety.
6. Commends the lawmakers for their efforts in estate tax relief and suggest that the federal estate tax relief effort be narrowed down to farms for easier passage.

2001 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation to reduce telephone usage taxes and limit charges levied by telephone companies.
2. Opposes any proposal that establishes a statewide property tax and supports legislator's efforts to develop an equitable level of funding throughout the school districts in Ohio.

Rescinds the follow present policy:

1. "Urges the National Grange to lobby to bring the bills on the Social Security Offset policy to a vote so that individuals receiving a small public pension will not be penalized. Persons who receive a small public retirement pension should be entitled to their full Social Security benefits."

2. "Urges the National Grange to advocate and support a bill or bills to modify the Social Security Offset law to relieve those in low paying PERS, SERS, and STRS occupations and allow them to receive their total and full Social Security Benefits."

The 2001 Taxation Committee recommended supporting the new resolution of the Health & Welfare Committee regarding the Offset/Windfall Reform Bill.

2002 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Favors a change to increase the Ohio Joint Filing credit to be on an income increase adjustment to be updated to reflect present income level instead of the current tax credit established in 1965.

2003 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Opposes companies involved in financial scandals from being rewarded by a tax refund.

2. Supports the introduction and passage of a bill to reinstate interest from consumer debt (car loans, credit cards, etc.) as a deduction on income tax returns.

3. Urges the Ohio House of Representatives and the Ohio Senate to take a long hard look at the Revised Code of Ohio, namely R.C. Section #2731 "MANDAMUS" and the sub sections #2731.01 thru 2731.16 and take action to change the Ohio Revised Code.

4. Supports extending the Child Tax Credit to include children until their high school graduation.

2004 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports legislation to rescind the additional temporary 1% sales tax added on July 1st 2003 through June 30th 2005 of the Ohio Sales Tax.

2. Supports legislation that keeps the CAUV tax reduction in effect for all agricultural land.

3. Supports legislation on the state and national levels to levy a tax against trade countries which trade at a deficit.

4. Supports legislation to revise the tax laws to eliminate the multiple taxation on any pre-owned vehicle purchased at a licensed new or pre-owned vehicle dealership. Purchases of pre-owned vehicles should not be penalized with multiple taxes.

2005 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports real estate tax relief for all Ohio Grange Halls.

2. Supports eliminating the Death Tax, permanently after 2010.

3. Urges National Grange to lobby that all politicians pay their own health care insurance.

4. Opposes privatization of Social Security.

5. Supports lobbying the US Congress to reject Chairman Greenspan's plan to cut Social Security and consider "The Consumer Price Index for Elderly Consumers Act of 2005 (S 275) or similar legislation which will provide a fair and accurate COLA (Cost of Living Adjustment).

2006 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Supports lobbying the state legislature to write a law eliminating all highway fuel tax paid by government entities.
2. Supports legislation to allow counties, townships and school districts to use impact fees to pay for capital cost associated with new residential, industrial or community development.
3. Endorses Ohio Fair Schools campaign and support their constitutional amendment for funding schools, encouraging legislators to provide funds to effectively educate our children.
4. Urges the Ohio general Assembly to amend House Bill 70 and create a uniform method of supporting our service members across the state by stating the "Ohioans who own real estate property and are out of the state serving their country should be entitled to real estate property tax relief, regardless of the county or school district where they reside."

2007 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges legislators to eliminate property taxes for fraternal organizations up to \$250,000 or less of property value.

2008 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Urges National Grange to lobby the Federal Government to balance the budget and pay off the national debt.

2009 RESOLUTIONS:

1. Support the Ohio State Grange's representative on the CAUV advisory committee request that the "Risk Factor Calculation" be re-instated and supports increases to be considered more frequently thus showing gradual increases on property taxes for farms.
2. Supports studying and proposing new ways of funding school systems in Ohio, with goals of equitable treatment for those being taxed.