



Restore Balance West Virginia – a statewide education and grass-roots initiative designed to educate the public about where our state’s laws and policies are so “out of step” with the rest of the nation and to develop grass-roots support for changing these and restoring West Virginia to a more balanced and competitive environment for job retention and growth.

The Restore Balance initiative will include both a high-tech interactive strategy, which will focus on the initiative’s new web site – www.restorebalancewv.org, and a traditional grass-roots local activism strategy, which will involve the local chambers of commerce across the state. We will be leveraging these strategies in an effort to communicate, reach and educate citizens in communities throughout our state. We then will be asking concerned individuals to join this initiative and to speak out on the changes that are needed to restore balance and grow jobs.

Mission:

Enhance and improve the standard of living and quality of life for all West Virginians.

Goal:

Achieve a statewide job creation rate that is equal to the national average.

Strategies:

- Enact legislation to address key civil justice issues.
- Enact legislation to eliminate third party claims.
- Ensure that the state’s environmental laws and regulations are based on sound scientific principles and do not place permittees into uncompetitive situations related to surrounding states.
- Modernize the selection of justices to the West Virginia Supreme Court of Appeals.
- Within five years reduce West Virginia’s business rates to the national average.
- Bring West Virginia’s education test scores to the national average and prepare workers for the 21st Century economy.
- Continue investment in maintenance and expansion of the state’s transportation infrastructure.

West Virginia’s considerable potential for job growth continues to be obstructed by unwarranted burdens. The major problems confronting industry include inflated workers’ compensation costs, a glaring need for civil justice reform, inordinately cumbersome environmental procedures, third-party bad faith lawsuits, and a sky-high business tax.

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