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## **Senator Brown Joins Business, Labor and Environment Groups to Support Building STAR Proposal to Create 6,600 Jobs in Ohio**

Cleveland, Ohio – On Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup> U.S. Senator Sherrod Brown will join with leaders from across Ohio to discuss Building STAR, a job-creation proposal that consists of rebates and financing provisions to quickly put people to work conducting energy efficient retrofits of commercial buildings. It is supported by a ground-breaking coalition of more than 100 businesses, contractor associations, manufacturers, financial services companies, labor unions and energy-efficiency advocates.

Senator Brown is a cosponsor of the Building STAR proposal in the Senate (S.3079) which would create up to 200,000 jobs nationally over the next 18 months, providing direct benefits to thousands of companies and small businesses including the 91 percent of commercial contractors that have fewer than 20 employees. It would also directly affect the hard-hit construction and building services, manufacturing and distribution sectors of the economy. It would specifically bring **about 6,600 jobs to Ohio.**

- WHO:** **Sherrod Brown**, U.S. Senator  
**Lonnie Coleman**, president, Mechanical Contractors Association of America  
**Tom Dake**, president, Superior Insulation (local contractor)  
**Keith Dimoff**, executive director, Ohio Environmental Council  
**Marc Norberg**, assistant to the president, Sheet Metal Workers International Association  
**John Sickle**, president, Sheet Metal and Air Conditioning Contractors' National Association, Cleveland
- WHAT:** **Press Conference on Building STAR**  
\*A tour of the SMACNA facility and a stakeholder discussion among Lonnie Coleman, Keith Dimoff, Tom Martin and James Schoaff will directly follow the press conference. This discussion will be moderated by Ladeene Freimuth, a representative of the Building STAR coalition.
- WHEN:** **4:00 P.M. EDT Wednesday, June 2<sup>nd</sup>**
- WHERE:** **The Cleveland Training Center**  
**12525 Corporate Drive**  
**Parma, OH 44130**

**\*\*\*To RSVP, please contact Liz Snyder at 202-789-4365\*\*\***

For more information about Building STAR, please visit [www.RebuildingAmerica.org](http://www.RebuildingAmerica.org). To learn more about the Ohio Environmental Council, visit [www.theOEC.org](http://www.theOEC.org).

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