

# You can count on TOM RIDGE

## OUR MAN FOR GOVERNOR

Want to know what kind of governor Tom Ridge will make? Just look at his record... from a blue collar kid in Erie, PA to six term congressman for rural northwest Pennsylvania.

Young Ridge proved he's no dummy by winning an academic scholarship to Harvard and graduating with honors.

Tom also proved he can be tough, serving as a non-com infantry "grunt" in the Vietnam War, and bringing home the Bronze Star.

Next came a law degree from Dickinson and a job as Erie County Assistant District Attorney. Both great training for government service.

Then, in 1982, Republican Ridge stunned political pundits by winning a seat in Congress despite a huge Democratic edge.

Farmers soon took notice.

Representative Ridge authored a wetlands bill that protected farmer rights, fought hard to reduce the capital gains tax, sought investment tax credits on new equipment, and worked closely with dairymen to assure fair market prices.

But farmers weren't the only Ridge boosters.

The national Watchdog of the Treasury group named Ridge a "Bulldog of the Treasury" for his conservative fiscal record.

National Federation of Business honored Ridge as a "Guardian of



"The state must do more to keep families together," says gubernatorial candidate Tom Ridge, who lives in Erie with daughter Lesley, left; wife Michele and son Tommy.

Small Business" for his stand against suffocating government regulations.

Is Tom Ridge ready for Harrisburg? You bet.

You can count on Governor Ridge to make DER "a partner of farmers rather than prosecutor." As promised.

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Ridge to cut state spending \$2 billion. As promised.

And you also can count on less government mandates, regulations and red tape. As promised.

"What we basically need in state government," Ridge says, "is less government intrusion and more common sense."

Count on it.

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