

PROPERTY TAX RELIEF

Ridge backs tax reform with safeguards



Tom Ridge, Republican candidate for governor, announced export plans at a southcentral PA processing plant. His goal: double farm exports and create 100,000 new jobs.

Boy, do we need Tom Ridge in Harrisburg next January.

Farm property taxes jumped 37% in Pennsylvania the past five years, according to USDA Economic Research Service. And they're still rising.

So what's the answer?

Local tax reform . . . with the right safeguards, says Ridge. The Republican candidate for governor calls for a tax reform act

that gives local government and school districts the option to balance tax sources, permanently reduce property taxes and eliminate nuisance taxes.

But Ridge adds these stipulations:

1. "Local tax reform must not be a vehicle for a tax increase," he insists.

2. Local taxpayers must have final say in two voter referendums. One to establish a new tax

system. A second to vote up or down any future increase in income or property taxes.

Singel ignored both safeguards in his 1992 reform plan. It opened the door for big tax increases, and didn't give local taxpayers a vote.

As a six-term congressman from rural northwest Pennsylvania, Tom Ridge has worked closely with farm groups and rural communities.

Now Tom Ridge is ready to serve all Pennsylvania. Here's how Tom Ridge will put dollars back in your pocket:

Cut \$2 billion in state spending.

Implement local tax reform that permanently reduces property taxes.

Take sting out of workers comp premiums by reworking program.

Personally chair a task force to double PA farm exports.

Invest money in consumer research. Then promote those products that promise big bucks for you.

Save time, save money by giving farmers a new, hassle-free DER.

Help put Tom Ridge in Harrisburg next January. Vote November 8th.

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