

My name is Jeffrey Forsyth. I am a private equity investor who represents a small fund of high net worth individuals nationwide, institutional investors, and some off shore money from the state of Israel. I am a lifelong moderate republican in the mold of Ronald Reagan, who I consider the greatest president of the modern era and a role model. I was born in California, I reside in Pennsylvania, and I spend my leisure time in West Virginia.

As an investor my goal is to find “ground floor opportunities” for my clients. Ground floor opportunities are rare, especially in the media and technology space. Such opportunities no longer exist in major coastal centers, especially for people who don’t represent Chinese or Saudi Arabian money. To find such opportunities, people like myself are required to look outside the box.

I can say without any irony “I love America”. I was raised to believe that this country is the greatest on earth, not because of its individual states but because of its people. After spending several days in Lima, speaking to everyone who was willing to give me their time, I learned a few very interesting things. From the police officer, to the fire fighter, to the young lady working in the coffee shop, to two gentlemen I met at the kewpie burger who were covered in dust - everyone told me the same thing. “We love out country, we love our state, we love our community. We want to stay here. Just give us a reason.” I want to create that reason.

The heartland of America has been ignored for too long. Ignored by the federal government and ignored by the coastal centers who want to profit and leave. That’s not why I’m here. I’m here to build, I’m here to grow, and I’m here to stay. I am not interested in using sb 4 for quick money. I’m interested in using it to attract business to the center I plan to build.

Admittedly I hadn’t heard of Lima until two years ago. But when my friend Nick presented this opportunity to me, I knew it was what we were looking for. This is my opportunity to help build an industry that will help stimulate a community. This is an opportunity to tap into young, educated, hard working and driven people who want to grow with us. This is an opportunity to help build the tax base of a community and state that has for far too long sent its best and brightest to build other state’s tax base. I want to play a small part in the next stage of Ohio’s story, I want to work with the state to make sure this succeeds, and I want you to be my partner. I hope you’ll to work with me every step of the way, because without you this will never succeed.

I’m here for the long haul. I’m here to do the work. I’m here to build something that will be long lasting for myself, my investors, and the state of Ohio.

I look forward to hearing your concerns and answering your questions.