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**Taylor Supports Budget Concept Extending In-State Tuition Rates to Ohio High School Grads**

*Proposes Extending "Buckeyes Forever" Provision for Life*

*Columbus* – Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor today threw her support behind a House budget proposal that would extend by 10 years the in-state tuition benefits for all students graduating from an Ohio high school. In fact, Taylor said the proposal is something CSI Ohio: The Common Sense Initiative is developing and would support applying the provision to all Ohio grads for life.

“I have two sons and if they decide to leave Ohio for an extended period of time, I think government should be encouraging them to return home and bring their wives and their children – my grandchildren – with them to further their education,” Taylor said. “We want young, successful Ohioans to return, help shape the future of our state and contribute to our economy.”

Taylor said she supports a concept developed by CSI Ohio called “Buckeyes Forever” that essentially means if a student graduates from an Ohio high school, that student will pay in-state tuition for life, even after a lengthy absence from the state.

“We already know that our successful, educated, young people are leaving this state in droves. We want them to go out and explore what the world has to offer, but instead of closing the door on them while they’re gone, let’s encourage policies that bring our kids back to the buckeye state,” Taylor said.

Taylor says bringing back the state’s smart, successful workers will help improve the pool of qualified applicants businesses choose from in order to grow their companies and be successful. She looks forward to working with Ohio House Budget Chairman Ron Amstutz and other legislative leaders to get the provision passed.

CSI Ohio was launched on January 10, 2011 by Gov. John R. Kasich to reform Ohio’s regulatory policies to help make Ohio a jobs and business-friendly state. CSI Ohio will review Ohio’s regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation.

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