

## **Statehouse lobbyists seem to get Kasich's reform message**

By Joe Hallett

A seismic shift in the way state government operates and serves its citizens is at hand, provoked by a set of circumstances unique in recent history, including widespread recognition that the status quo isn't working and cannot be sustained financially.

The recession has ravaged state resources, and a new Republican governor with hefty GOP majorities in the General Assembly is poised to seize the moment, determined to transform state government into a smaller, less-expensive and, he assures, more-efficient entity.

"I really believe this is our chance," Gov. John Kasich said. "If we miss this opportunity, I'm not sure we'll have another try."

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