

*NOTE: "This is not about diminishing, or attacking, or being against unions," Kasich said. "The unions are still going to be able to represent the public employees. All we are doing is creating a balance."*



## **Kasich: I Just Want to Control Ohio's Costs**

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Ohio Gov. **John Kasich** says he doesn't want to be listed as anti-union – he just wants to control his state's costs, empower taxpayers, and "lift Ohio for all Ohioans." Kasich Wednesday told Fox News' Bill O'Reilly the purpose of his budget-cutting bill is not to crush unions, but "to get Ohio out of this deep hole we're in."

"We have an \$8 billion budget deficit and we have a massive reform plan, that also includes the ability to control our costs as it relates to public employees versus, at times, the taxpayers," Kasich said. "I also want to give the flexibility to mayors, to school districts, to be able to control their costs, because there is going to be fewer dollars flowing from the state to those folks and those entities."

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