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### THE JOBS BUDGET – WHAT THEY'RE SAYING

#### **Ohio State University - President Gordon Gee**

"I am grateful to Gov. Kasich, whose proposed budget reflects the unquestionable financial challenges of the day, as well as the understanding that higher education and our state's long-term strength are inextricably linked. It is my firm belief that times of great challenge which require sacrifice are also times of enormous opportunity. Now more than ever, it is clear that our shared future lies in sustained investment in education, creativity, and innovation, all of which directly fuel economic growth. For our part, and for the lasting benefit of Ohioans, we at Ohio State continue to move aggressively in both advocating for regulatory freedom and reconfiguring and reinventing our institution."

Source: <http://highlandcountypress.com/main.asp?SectionID=2&SubSectionID=20&ArticleID=7316>

#### **Voices for Ohio's Children - CEO Amy Swanson (excerpt)**

"Given the extreme challenges faced in this budget, Gov. Kasich's plan makes strategic investments in what will work to help make kids healthier and families stronger...Gov. Kasich's plan helps sustain gains for kids in tough budget times. The governor's plan is an important step along the way. We need Ohio leaders to maintain investments in Ohio's children because it is the right thing to do, for our economy and our kids."

Read full quote here: <http://blogs.dixcdn.com/capitalblog/2011/03/budget-react/>

#### **Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks - Executive Director Lisa Hamler-Fugitt (excerpt)**

"The Ohio Association of Second Harvest Foodbanks recognizes that this is an extraordinarily difficult budget for the Kasich administration, and we are grateful that Gov. Kasich and his team recognize that it is also an equally difficult time for the state's most vulnerable citizens. Hungry Ohioans, including children, working adults and senior citizens, who rely on Ohio's network of foodbanks and member agencies to ensure they can put a meal on the table, will benefit from the continued funding provided through this budget proposal."

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#### **Ohio Hospital Association - President and CEO James R. Castle (excerpt)**

"Hospitals value the Kasich administration's willingness to include OHA's proposal to bring \$1.2 billion in additional revenue to help the state during the most challenging state budget in Ohio's history by temporarily extending the hospital franchise fee. Despite anticipated policy changes to reduce payments to hospitals by \$478 million, hospitals look forward to working with the administration and Ohio General Assembly to achieve a mutual goal to transform health care in Ohio."

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### **Ohio Chamber of Commerce (excerpt)**

"The Ohio Chamber of Commerce applauds Gov. John Kasich for proposing a two-year budget that, while difficult, is focused squarely on job creation and transforming government into a 21st century institution...The Ohio Chamber looks forward to working with Gov. Kasich and the members of the Ohio General Assembly to educate Ohioans about the challenges before us and the changes we must make to improve our economy and bring good-paying jobs to our citizens." *Read full quote here:* <http://www.ohiochamber.com>

### **University of Cincinnati - President Greg Williams**

"In a very challenging environment that calls for shared sacrifice, we are very appreciative that Gov. Kasich's proposed budget has done as much as possible to support higher education and suggests some first steps toward much-needed construction reform. In that spirit, the governor's proposal shows an understanding that colleges and universities play a key role in Ohio's future well-being. If we want our state to move forward and grow, higher education must remain accessible to as many Ohioans as possible."

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### **Tuscarawas County Commissioner Kerry Metzger (excerpt)**

"That was not unexpected, because the state is going to be dealing with an \$8 billion to \$10 billion budget deficit. The good news is that with only a 25-percent reduction, we've anticipated that. So (it) won't have as great an impact." *Read full article here:* <http://www.timesreporter.com/communities/x698051471/Kasich-cuts-deep-but-local-governments-prepared-for-worse>

### **Ohio Association of Health Plans - President Kelly McGivern (excerpt)**

"The Ohio Association of Health Plans and its member plans applaud the governor for tackling Medicaid transformation. The proposed increased use of care coordination, rebalancing of fragmented systems, and modernization of the reimbursement structure will put Ohio on the path for creating a sustainable Medicaid program for the future. We look forward to working with the governor and legislature to build upon the proposed budget framework so that it captures the strengths of the current care coordination system, which has proven to be a benefit for the state both in better health outcomes and fiscal efficiencies."

*Read full quote here:* <http://blogs.dixcdn.com/capitalblog/2011/03/budget-react/>

### **Inter-University Council of Ohio - President Bruce Johnson**

"Ohio's public four-year universities are pleased to see provisions in the governor's budget proposal that are designed to provide some measure of relief from unnecessarily burdensome and costly regulatory mandates. Reducing regulatory burdens will give our universities greater operational flexibility at a time when such flexibility is needed more than ever to ensure that we are using scarce resources as efficiently as possible and with maximum public benefit." *Source:* <http://blogs.dixcdn.com/capitalblog/2011/03/budget-react/>

### **My School My Choice Coalition Board - President Katherine Brecheisen**

"The My School, My Choice coalition, is grateful that public charter school students are being considered equal to traditional public school students. That hasn't always been the case. Too often in the past, budgets have been balanced by unfairly cutting funding for only some public school students – public charter school students. We're also thrilled to see the budget embrace competition in the public education system. Competition has been driving public charter schools to succeed for years and can only help to improve Ohio's public schools." *Source:* <http://www.myschoolmychoice.org>

### **Americans for Tax Reform - President Grover Norquist (excerpt)**

“Gov. Kasich is putting the brakes on the rampant tax increases that have chased business, investment and people across state lines. Until tax hikes are definitively off the table, government will not shrink and Ohio cannot prosper. And tax increases are most certainly off the table for the entirety of the Kasich Administration.”

Read full quote here: <http://www.ATR.org/###ixzz1Gm2FE2k1>

### **Ohio State Medical Association – President Dr. Roy Ellison (excerpt)**

“As we look to the future, Ohio physicians have long advocated that increased care coordination through initiatives like the patient-centered medical home (PCMH) and a greater commitment to prevention and wellness can provide greater efficiency and outcomes in our health care delivery system. The Ohio State Medical Association (OSMA) is encouraged by the items in Gov. Kasich’s budget which seek to achieve these goals. We look forward to working with the Kasich administration and the General Assembly to ensure that the physician-patient relationship remains paramount as these and other initiatives move forward.”

Read full quote here: <http://www.osma.org/news/release.dT/osma-encouraged-by-health-care-initiatives-in-gov-kasichs-budget-blueprint/1532>

### **Ohio Alliance for Public Charter Schools - President and CEO Bill Sims**

“We are pleased with Gov. Kasich’s recognition of the importance of school choice and with the announcement of his initiatives to remove caps on charter schools and to provide enhanced charter-school access to facilities. Charter schools clearly have a future in the governor’s education plans. Charter schools in Ohio have been doing more with less money, and our schools will use these efficiencies to make ends meet over the next two years. We look forward to working with the governor and the Legislature to enhance the school-choice environment and to improve charter school quality in Ohio.”

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### **Ohio eSchool Families and Friends Coalition - President Sara Donlon**

“Public eSchools, or online schools, are an innovative and important part of Ohio’s public education system. We applaud Gov. Kasich for recognizing the importance of public eSchools by treating them the same as traditional public schools. And to see the budget lift the cap on the number of charter schools (including eSchools) gave us hope that Ohio’s schools may finally be headed in the right direction.”

Source: <http://www.ohioeschoolcoalition.org/>

### **Ohio Consumers for Health Coverage - Co-Chairs Col Owens and Cathy Levine (excerpt)**

“Gov. Kasich’s proposed Medicaid budget moves us in the right direction to dramatically change the way health care is delivered in Ohio. Under the Office of Health Transformation, the Medicaid reforms will improve care coordination by promoting health homes, integrate behavioral and physical health care, and modernize the health care payment system. While these reforms start with the Medicaid program, these changes will benefit the overall health care system. The proposed changes will particularly help Ohioans with chronic conditions and children with disabilities who will benefit from coordinated care and integrated hospital, physician, and supportive services.” Read full quote here: <http://blogs.dixcdn.com/capitalblog/2011/03/budget-react/>

### **Community Health Centers - President and CEO Randy Runyon (excerpt)**

“The governor’s decision to maintain the Adult Dental Medicaid Program will allow the primary oral health care safety net system, including Ohio’s Community Health Centers, to keep Ohioans as healthy as possible and when dental disease does occur, provide the care and management to improve patient outcomes while significantly reducing costs.” Read full quote here: <http://www.ohiochc.org/index.cfm>