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Taylor: CSI Ohio is Catalyst for Business-Friendly Mindset in State Government

Columbus – Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor today pointed to a recent comment made by Ohio Department of Development (ODOD) Director Mark Kvamme as an example of an emerging attitude in state government that demonstrates the success of CSI Ohio: The Common Sense Initiative and opens the door for business growth and job creation.

During Gov. John R. Kasich's Budget Town Hall Meeting last Tuesday, Kvamme discussed a distribution center seeking to expand in Northwest Ohio who contacted him about a state regulation prohibiting truckloads of more than 80,000 pounds from traveling on Ohio's roads. The company needed assistance in allowing truckloads of 120,000 pounds to enter Ohio and make their way to its facility. The regulation was preventing the business from expanding in Ohio instead of Iowa. Kvamme says he called Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT) Director Jerry Wray to help find a common sense solution.

"[Director Wray] gets back to me in 90 minutes – done deal. Called up the company, it looks like they're coming to Ohio," Kvamme said. "That's how we need to react in this state."

Taylor applauded the spirit of cooperation and common sense demonstrated by Kvamme and Wray in moving quickly to address a trucking regulation that had the potential to cost jobs in Northwest Ohio.

"This issue serves as an example of how the business-friendly, job-creating principles of CSI Ohio are beginning to take hold throughout state government," Taylor said. "The actions of directors Kvamme and Wray demonstrate that this administration is serious about moving quickly to address regulations that hurt economic development. I congratulate them for incorporating common sense into their regulatory decisions."

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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