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House Finance Subcommittee on Higher Education

Office of the Governor Testimony

Chairman Carfagna, Ranking Member Sweeney and members of the House Finance Higher Education Subcommittee, good morning. My name is Ryan Burgess and I serve as Governor DeWine's Cabinet Director. I am pleased to be with you today to discuss Governor DeWine's internal operating budget request for the upcoming biennium.

The Governor serves as the chief executive officer of the state as outlined in the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The budget for the Governor also includes funding to support the Office of the Lieutenant Governor, whose role is to assist the Governor in the performance of executive duties and to assume the Office of the Governor if it becomes vacant.

In these roles, the Governor and Lieutenant Governor oversee the executive agencies and serve the people of Ohio through actively engaging with this committee and all members of the legislature to advance policies and practices that will strengthen the State of Ohio.

Just as the Executive Budget focused on investing in Ohio's future, the Governor's request will allow our office to ensure the following objectives are met:

- Investments in Ohio's children by providing the supports and services needed to prepare them for success throughout life.
- Developing programs and supports necessary to overcome addiction currently prevalent in the state.
- Creating an economic environment encouraging job creation, retention, investment, and long-term prosperity.
- Innovating and improving state government and services to operate in the most efficient and effective manner and benefit Ohio's customers and citizens.
- Improving the state's infrastructure and partnering with local governments to ensure the safety and security of all Ohioans.

FY 2020-2021 BUDGET RECOMMENDATION OVERVIEW

The Governor's FY 2020-2021 biennial budget recommendation is summarized in the following table:

Fund	ALI	ALI Name	Estimated		Recommended		
			FY 2019	FY 2020	% Change	FY 2021	% Change
GRF	040321	Operating Expenses	2,775,943	2,914,740		2,973,034	
Total General Revenue Fund			2,775,943	2,914,740	5.0%	2,973,034	2.0%
5AK0	040607	Government Relations	311,870	611,870		619,988	
Total Internal Service Activity			313,870	613,870	96.2%	619,988	1.3%
Grand Total Office of the Governor			3,089,813	3,528,610	14.2%	3,593,022	1.8%

The budget consists of two line items – the primary line item 040321 is funded by the General Revenue Fund and provides the funding to manage and carry out the day to day activities of the governor’s office. This line item includes a 5% increase in fiscal year 2020 and a 2% increase in fiscal year 2021. These modest increases will pay for the additional pay period in fiscal year 2020 and modest personnel cost increases in fiscal years 2020 and 2021.

The second line item, 040607 is an intragovernmental fund and is used to fund activities related to advocacy on behalf of the state with other governmental units – local, state and federal. The requested increase is to allow the Governor to reopen and staff an office in Washington D.C. to more actively advocate for federal policies that will effectively serve the people of the State of Ohio.

This concludes my formal presentation of the Governor’s biennial budget recommendation with respect to internal operations. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today, and I would be happy to answer any questions you have at this time.