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Chairman Jordan, Vice Chair O'Brien and members of the General Government and Agency Review, Finance Sub-Committee; my name is Matthew McAuliffe and I am the Interim Director of Cabinet Affairs for Governor Kasich. Thank you for the opportunity to present testimony in support of the Executive Budget Recommendations for the Office of the Governor for Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019.

As you know, the role of the Office of the Governor is to perform its duties as defined in the Ohio Constitution and the Ohio Revised Code. The Governor oversees the cabinet agencies, formulates administrative policy, recommends legislation and proposes operating and capital budgets. The Governor also considers and acts upon legislation passed by the General Assembly, in addition to the other duties and responsibilities of the office.

The Governor's Office recommended budget remains flat in Fiscal Years 2018 and 2019 at FY 2017 levels. The All Funds budget request is \$3,267,001 in each fiscal year. The GRF portion, which consists of one line item, is appropriated at \$2,953,131 each year. Our non-GRF line item, which supports government affairs activity remains flat funded at the FY17 estimate. This special fund was created in a previous administration to allow the Office of the Governor to better serve agencies.

Thank you, Mr. Chairman and members of the Subcommittee for the opportunity to discuss the budget of the Office of the Governor. I would be happy to answer any questions you may have.