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Advocates See Opportunities to Support Ohio's Workforce in Budget

Columbus – Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) sees opportunities to support Ohio's workforce, help Ohioans access good jobs, and keep Ohioans safe in Governor Kasich's FY 2016-17 budget proposal.

AOF applauds the Governor's budget proposal to continue access to health care for low-income Ohioans through the Medicaid program. Access to health care is an important work support. Since 2014, healthcare has already worked to transform the lives of many Ohioans so that they can care for themselves and their families.

AOF supports Governor Kasich's goal of focusing on people and their individual barriers to work as well as simplifying eligibility processes for state programs. Human services play a key role in stabilizing individuals and families so they can compete and thrive in the 21st century economy.

"We agree with Governor Kasich: good jobs are fundamental for a strong economy, stable families, and individual well-being," said Col Owens, coalition Co-Chair. "It will take bold public investments to strengthen Ohio's workforce and make all Ohioans competitive," said Owens.

"Our state has an opportunity to prepare Ohioans to acquire and maintain quality jobs, so in the long run, they can support themselves and their families," said Mark Davis, Co-Chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future. "We are calling for bold investments to support Ohio's workforce and help Ohioans get and keep good jobs. We look forward to working with the Administration and the legislature in the coming months to make Ohio a great place for all Ohioans to live and work."

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Advocates for Ohio's Future is a statewide coalition of over 475 local and statewide organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.