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## **Advocates to Hold January 11 Press Conference on Proposed Unemployment Bill, HB 394**

Who: Advocates for Ohio's Future

What: Press conference on the proposed unemployment bill, HB 394

When: Monday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m.

Where: 37 West Broad Street, Suite 1100, conference room

Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) will hold a press conference on Monday, January 11 at 10:30 a.m. to respond to the proposed unemployment bill, House Bill 394.

Please join us in the conference room at 37 West Broad Street, Suite 1100 for a statement from AOF Co-chairs Mark Davis and Lisa Hamler Fugitt.

If passed, HB 394 will dismantle one of Ohio's most effective poverty prevention programs. In an economy that has been shifting toward low-wage, part-time and temporary jobs, HB 394 hurts working Ohioans and their families by severely impacting the unemployment benefits available.

If enacted, HB 394 would:

- increase the likelihood that working Ohioans will fall into poverty after a job loss, by cutting unemployment insurance (UI) benefits and creating barriers to eligibility
- make it harder for Ohioans to qualify for unemployment, pushing Ohioans onto public assistance programs, homeless shelters and foodbanks.
- harm older unemployed workers and workers with disabilities
- reduce benefits to employees by an average of \$475 million annually