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Advocates for Ohio's Future Appreciate Investments and Initiatives in House Budget, Encourage Additional Dollars for Basic Needs

Columbus - Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) acknowledge and appreciate the investments and initiatives within the Substitute House Bill 166. The health and human services coalition focuses on policy areas that support healthy children and families, quality communities and pathways to prosperity for all so all Ohioans can live better lives.

"We applaud the Ohio House's recognition that investing in Ohio builds a better future. This budget includes important investments in Ohioans and Ohio communities which will promote and support family stability and self-sufficiency," said AOF Co-Chair Steve Wagner. "However, the basic needs of Ohio's children and families have been ignored for too long, and our most vulnerable have fallen further away from the quality of life we would expect in a state as prosperous as Ohio. More can be done to truly improve the lives of children and families now, and for generations to come."

"While Sub HB 166 boosts investment in some social determinants of health, deeper investment is needed in early care and education, food assistance, protective services for seniors, direct aid and job training for the poorest families, public transportation funding and refundability for the earned income tax credit," said Tara Britton, AOF Co-Chair. "The important investments we see in this budget - and the investments necessary to improve systems across the spectrum of health and human services - should be supported by predictable and sustainable state-based funding now, and in the future. We must follow through on the Governor's commitment to help those who have been left behind. We look forward to working closely with members of the General Assembly to develop long-term solutions so all Ohioans are given the chance to succeed."

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Advocates for Ohio's Future is a nonpartisan coalition of nearly 500 local and statewide organizations that promotes health and human service budget and policy solutions so all Ohioans live better lives.