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## **Advocates for Ohio's Future Encourages Leaders to Pass Budget**

Columbus - Advocates for Ohio's Future (AOF) encourages leaders in the House and Senate to come to a swift agreement on the biennial budget bill and enact essential initiatives that invest in Ohio's children, workers and our collective future. AOF is a health and human services coalition with 500 endorsing members that 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 strongly agreed with Governor DeWine when he revealed his inaugural budget: Now is the time to face the problems our state has put off for too long," said AOF Co-Chair Tara Britton. "We were encouraged to see the House and Senate make important investments that will improve the lives of children and families across the state. In order for these investments and policies to begin helping Ohioans, they must be formally approved and enacted."

"Though we understand the business of passing the largest, most complex bill of the General Assembly can be challenging, it also helps millions meet basic needs. We ask that our elected leaders remember the people who are counting on them to finalize the document that frames and funds necessary services and supports that keep families afloat," said Steve Wagner, AOF Co-Chair. "The time is now to resolve differences and cross the finish line."

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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.*