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RESPONSE TO THE GOVERNOR'S STATE OF THE STATE ADDRESS

The following may be attributed to Gayle Channing Tenenbaum, co-chair of AOF:

"Advocates for Ohio's Future supports Governor Kasich's ongoing commitment to bring more Ohioans back into our workforce, and to streamline job-training programs to meet the needs of those looking for jobs and their employers. This also means investing in workforce supports – education, housing, health care, child care, transportation – that position people to take advantage of the recovery.

"But as the economy slowly improves, not all Ohioans will be able to work and prosper right away. That's why Ohio must also support vulnerable people through the health, human service, and early care & education programs that form our state's critical safety net."

The following may be attributed to Mark Davis, co-chair of AOF:

"Advocates for Ohio's Future appreciates the Governor's strong statements today in support of early care & education, Medicaid cost containment, hospital payment reform, home- and community-based care, the integration of physical and behavioral health care, and neonatal care. Ohio's economy is still fragile, and so many are still struggling, including families and children, seniors, and people with disabilities. We must maintain these vital public services at a level that meets people's basic needs and enables all Ohioans to participate in the economic recovery.

"Job training is one key to helping people adapt to a changing economy; however, many Ohioans who work full-time still cannot make ends meet. Despite working hard and playing by the rules, they must rely on emergency food assistance, Medicaid, and other programs just to get by. Until better jobs are available for these folks, such programs must be shored up and protected if the economic recovery is to be successful for all Ohioans.

"This administration continues to work on making certain the safety net is there for all citizens, and we will continue to work with the Governor and the legislature on strengthening Ohio's health, human service, and early care & education programs."

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Advocates for Ohio's Future works to maintain vital public services – health, human services, and early care & education – at a level that meets people's basic needs and protects our state's most vulnerable populations.