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TO: Interested Parties

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RE: Recent Ohio Poll

Voters in Ohio put jobs at the top of their agenda for state government as 56 percent say jobs is one of their top two priorities for the Governor and the state legislature followed by improving schools at 38 percent.

Voters oppose many elements of Governor John Kasich's legislative agenda and budget priorities:

- 60 percent of voters say that public schools in Ohio need more state funding to improve
- 59 percent of voters say the state of Ohio is doing too little to help improve the quality of education
- 62 percent say helping localities fund schools, fire and police is more important to them than reducing the state income tax
- 62 percent favor raising Ohio's severance tax on oil and natural gas to the Texas rate --- and using the money to offset state budget cuts to local governments
- 74 percent favor a plan to create tax incentives for energy companies that hire Ohio workers
- 57 percent oppose borrowing against future Ohio Turnpike tolls in order to fund road, bridge and other infrastructure projects now

Ohioans are hopeful about the future but do not feel that the economy in their local area is growing. They want common sense investment in their schools and communities and oppose Governor Kasich's budget priorities.

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Interviews were conducted January 14 to January 17, 2013. A total of 800 interviews were completed for a margin of error of plus or minus 3.5 percentage points at 95 percent confidence. The survey sample is a random cluster sample of registered voters who participated in the 2012 general election. Question wording and demographics are appended.