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## **CALLING OHIO LEADERS TO RAISE REVENUES**

*Campaign distributes radio ads statewide that will run during the holiday weekend*

Columbus, OH—Today, the Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future, launched a statewide radio advertising campaign to urge Ohio leaders to raise revenues to protect critical health and human services for Ohio's most vulnerable citizens.

Advocates for the Campaign have released the radio ads urging Ohioans to call on Governor Strickland, Speaker Budish and Senate President Harris to find other ways to balance the state budget. The radio ad states:

*“From the hills of Appalachia to the shores of Lake Erie, this week we celebrate what makes America great; the spirit of freedom and everyone working together for the good of all.*

*Ohio faces a financial crisis. The state budget plan threatens the survival of children, home care for seniors and families working hard just to make ends meet. Many Ohio families are losing jobs and need help from their neighbors. We can get back on track if we all share the sacrifice.*

*During difficult times, we call upon Governor Strickland, Senate President Harris, and Speaker Budish to work together and raise revenues to protect Ohio's future, my future, and the future of Ohio's hungry, elderly, disabled, mentally ill, uninsured, and unemployed. Please call these leaders today to oppose cuts and support increased revenues to provide vital services for Ohio's most vulnerable so that we can all share in the wonderful promise of America.”*

The Campaign is hoping Ohioans will raise their voices while elected officials are talking with them at parades and community events during the July 4<sup>th</sup> weekend. A copy of the ad can be downloaded from [www.protectohio.org](http://www.protectohio.org).

“Ohio leaders must hear from citizens that their leadership is needed to balance the budget with responsible revenues that protect Ohio's economic future as well as the individual futures and safety of our children, disabled, elderly, and mentally ill. We cannot afford to shred the safety net” said Gayle Channing Tenenbaum, Co-Chair of the Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future.

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*The Campaign to Protect Ohio's Future is a coalition of health, human services, education organizations seeking to protect Ohio's most vulnerable citizens by restoring or adequately funding vital services through a responsible budget that has as its primary priority to meet basic human needs and provide sufficient funds to invest in Ohio's future.*