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Taylor Issues 2012 Annual Report for Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI)

Columbus – Lt. Governor Mary Taylor today issued a report detailing the 2012 activities of Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI). The report highlights implementation of a new CSI review process for the state's business-impacting rules, as well as the efforts of CSI to directly address the burdensome regulations that stifle job creation in Ohio. The Annual Report can be found at www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI.

“There is still a lot of work to do, but 2012 was a watershed year for state government in Ohio,” said Taylor. “Through CSI, we have sent the message that before proposing regulations that impact Ohio's job creators, agencies must reach out to those businesses and ensure that the purpose justifies the impact.”

A key goal of CSI was to establish a process for reviewing the impact of agency rules on businesses. The Annual Report shows that CSI successfully delivered on this promise and, in 2012, Ohio agencies had to follow a formal process for the first time to justify the impacts to businesses from their rules. In 2012, the CSI Office reviewed more than 1,500 proposed rules. Overall, rule filings were down by 44 percent compared to the historical average.

In addition, 2012 provided a number of opportunities to work directly with businesses to resolve regulatory burdens that were standing in their way. This annual report highlights a number of these accomplishments, and in many cases, the dollars and jobs saved.

Launched on Jan. 10, 2011 by the Kasich Administration and placed under the leadership of Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, CSI is reforming Ohio's regulatory policies and helping make Ohio a jobs- and business-friendly state. CSI reviews Ohio's regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation.

Ohioans with ideas on cutting red tape are encouraged to visit www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI, “like” Ohio's Common Sense Initiative on Facebook, and follow @CSI_Ohio on Twitter.

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