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**TAYLOR ISSUES 2013 ANNUAL REPORT FOR OHIO'S COMMON SENSE  
INITIATIVE (CSI)**

COLUMBUS – Ohio Lt. Governor Mary Taylor today released Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) 2013 Annual Report including key findings and regulatory reform efforts for the past year. In the two years since Ohio's business rules have been reviewed as part of CSI, business rule filings have slowed by 25 percent compared to the historical average. The report highlights the CSI rule review process which was initiated in 2012, as well as the efforts of CSI to directly address the burdensome regulations that stifle job creation in Ohio.

"Since 2011, Governor Kasich and I have focused on creating a better environment in Ohio for small businesses to expand, create jobs and grow our economy," said Taylor. "Part of that effort includes reducing government red tape while making sure regulations that are necessary make sense and protect the health and safety of all Ohioans. The results show Ohio's regulatory environment is improving, our economy is growing, but there is still more work to do."

In 2013, the CSI Office reviewed more than 1,500 proposed rules. For each business rule, agencies are required to articulate why the regulation is necessary, how the agency worked with its stakeholders to develop the rule, how the rule impacts business, and why the purpose of the regulation justifies that business impact. If the agency hasn't justified the need for the rule, the CSI Office can make recommendations to reduce the impact in the rule, to improve the analysis, or even to go back to the drawing board on the rule. The reduction in business rule filings – 1,519 in 2012 and 1,543 in 2013, down from the historical average of 2,044 from 2003 to 2011 – demonstrates that agencies take the CSI standards seriously.

In addition, 2013 provided a number of opportunities to work directly with businesses to resolve regulatory burdens that were standing in their way. Examples of these efforts include CSI assisting nonprofit organizations that provide meals to students before and

after school as well as during the summer; making it easier for a hospital to navigate licensing regulations in order to recruit qualified nurses from the military; and helping several businesses get building permits approved in order to expand their operations.

Launched on Jan. 10, 2011 by Governor Kasich 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.

To view the Annual Report or to submit ideas on cutting red tape, please visit [www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI](http://www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI). You can also "like" Ohio's Common Sense Initiative on Facebook, and follow @CSI\_Ohio on Twitter.

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