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**Phillip M. Robinson Jr.**  
**State Representative**  
**Ohio House District 6**

July 17, 2019

Governor Mike DeWine  
Riffe Center, 30th Floor  
77 South High Street  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

I write to respectfully ask you to use your executive powers to line-item veto several provisions in Amended Substitute House Bill 166, the biennial state operating budget.

Overall, I ultimately voted on the state operating budget since there are many great bipartisan provisions that we both would agree are good for Ohio. There are unfortunately provisions of the budget that undue progress on charter school accountability, violates local government home rule, makes it more difficult for Ohioans to vote in our upcoming 2020 primary election, and other provisions that don't benefit workers and families trying to live the American dream.

We made a promise to our constituents to put people first, not special interests. If we truly want and a strong economy that works for everyone, we need to invest in working people, families and our state's future.

I thank you for your consideration and urge quick action to remove these harmful provisions from Amended Substitute House Bill 166.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Phillip M. Robinson Jr.".

State Representative, Ohio House District 6  
Ranking Member, House Primary and Secondary Education Committee

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Provisions to Amended Substitute House Bill 166 which Rep. Robinson encourages a line-item veto:

- (TAXCD85) Provision authorizing a property tax reduction for certain property owners whose taxes comprise a relatively high proportion of a school district's operating expenses and caps the amount of school district property taxes paid by the property owners in the qualifying area at four times the operating expenses the district paid in the previous year on account of the students who reside in the qualifying area.
- (JEOCD6) The elimination of the Joint Education Oversight Committee.
- (EDUCD121) Provision increasing the maximum number of EdChoice scholarships by 5% if the number of applicants exceeds 90% of the number permitted; and the provision expanding eligibility for income-based EdChoice scholarships to all students entering grades K-12 for the first time, beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.
- (EDUCD122) Provision increasing EdChoice scholarship eligibility beginning in the 2019-2020 school year if a student meets specific criteria
- (EDUCD127) Provision expanding eligibility for income-based EdChoice scholarships to all students entering grades K-12 beginning with the 2020-2021 school year.
- Provisions rolled back from HB 2 (charter school oversight from the 132<sup>nd</sup> General Assembly):
  - (EDUCD93) Provision decreasing the frequency the Ohio Department of Education must evaluate charter school sponsors which receive "effective" or "exemplary" overall ratings.
  - (EDUCD98) Provision permitting charter school sponsors to review the draft ratings *before* they are published.
  - (EDUCD141) Provision requiring the recalculation of a dropout recovery school sponsor rating for 2017-2018 if the sponsor received recalculated report card ratings for the 2017-2018 school year.
  - (EDUCD63) Relaxes evaluation standards for dropout recovery schools
- (TAXCD61) Provision exempting supplemental executive retirement plans from municipal income taxation.
- (JFSCD6) \$3.75 million TANF funding earmark in each fiscal year to the Ohio Parenting and Pregnancy Program.
- (TAXCD86) Provision changing how property tax election notices and ballot language will appear by requiring the language to convey a property tax levy's rate in dollars for each \$100,000 of fair market value instead of in dollars for each \$100 of taxable value.
- (SOSCD14) Provision moving the 2020 Primary Election date to March 17, 2020 (St. Patrick's Day).
- (JCRC4) Provision prohibiting a state agency from adopting a new regulatory restriction unless the agency removes two or more existing restrictions.

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