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TO THE

SENATE FINANCE COMMITTEE

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Chairman Widener and members of the committee, I am Vincent Keeran, Clerk of the Ohio Senate. I appreciate the opportunity to appear before you today to present the proposed budget for the Ohio Senate for fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

The Senate budget is comprised of two funding sources: the General Revenue Fund and the General Services Fund.

The General Services Fund contains two line items: 601 - Miscellaneous Sales and 602 – Senate Reimbursement.

The 601 – Miscellaneous Sales line item is a rotary account used to purchase flags, seals, commendation folders and frames for resale.

The 602 – Senate Reimbursement line item is also a rotary account used to receive overpayments of medical insurance premiums for members as well as payment for incidental usage of Senate equipment by members and staff. The 602 account may also be used for general operating expenses.

The proposed appropriation level in each line item represents a zero percent change in fiscal years 2012 and 2013.

The General Revenue Fund portion of the Senate budget is contained in one line item: 321 – Operating Expenses. This is used to cover the costs of personnel, maintenance, and equipment.

Approximately 90 percent of the Senate budget is used to cover the cost of thirty three members, one hundred twenty five full time staff and forty pages.

The other 10 percent of the Senate budget is used for maintenance and equipment costs.

I would like to note that the proposed appropriations will bring the Senate just above its fiscal year 2004 appropriation levels.

Mr. Chairman, thank you again for the opportunity to present the Senate's budget proposal. I will be happy answer questions.