

The Ohio Senate
Senator Keith Faber



*The Ohio House of
Representatives*
Representative Matt Huffman

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Thursday, January 6, 2011

**FABER AND HUFFMAN URGE U.S. GOVERNMENT TO RECONSIDER
ELIMINATING FUNDING FOR EXPEDITIONARY FIGHTING VEHICLE**
Military vehicle is produced in Lima

COLUMBUS – In response to the recent announcement that the U.S. Department of Defense will end the Expeditionary Fighting Vehicle (EFV) program in order to trim defense spending – a move that would result in the loss of 200 jobs in Lima – State Senator Keith Faber (R- Celina) and State Representative Matt Huffman (R-Lima) issued the following statement:

“We are deeply concerned by Defense Secretary Gates’ decision to end funding for the EFV, as the project not only holds tremendous promise in better protecting America’s troops but also plays an important role in the economic vitality of northwestern Ohio. Roughly 200 people are currently employed at the Lima manufacturing facility where the EFV is produced, and the elimination of this project would be a severe blow to the community.

“Several EFV prototypes are currently undergoing evaluations, and it would be premature to eliminate the program before these reviews are complete. We will continue to work with members of Ohio’s Congressional and Senate delegations, as well as Governor-elect Kasich in an effort to stress the importance and viability of the project to both military leaders and federal government officials.”

-30-

For further information, please contact Nathan Aichele in Senator Faber’s office at (614) 466-7584 or Lisa Valentine in Representative Huffman’s office at (614) 466-9624.