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AS THE 129TH GENERAL ASSEMBLY GETS UNDERWAY,
LAWMAKERS FACE BOTH CHALLENGES AND OPPORTUNITIES

Earlier this month, our new statewide elected officials were sworn in to office, and members of the Senate gathered to swear in a number of new members and mark the beginning of the 129th General Assembly. We also elected a new Senate leadership team, and I was honored to be selected by my colleagues as President Pro-Tempore – the number two post in the chamber behind Senate President Tom Niehaus.

And while this is an exciting time of year, lawmakers are well-aware of the hard work and difficult decisions that lie ahead. This past November, Ohio voters sent a clear message about the direction they feel the state is heading – and that they want leaders who will operate state government as efficiently and effectively as possible while also acting as good stewards of our limited public resources.

I believe that despite the many challenges and issues facing leaders at all levels of government, there are a number of opportunities as well. We have what some people are calling a once-in-a-lifetime chance to rethink and change the way our state government is structured and how it delivers services to Ohioans – to fundamentally change the way we do business in the state of Ohio.

Solutions to the many problems facing Ohio will not come easily and will require a willingness to work together. Getting people to agree on a new way of doing things compared to how they may have been done in the past will not be easy, but if we truly want to transform Ohio and move our state forward in these difficult times, we have to think and act differently.

Fortunately, Ohio is home to many innovative and forward-thinking individuals who can help us as we undertake this endeavor together. However, your ideas and input will also be critical as discussions on bills and state policy begin. If you have any suggestions or ideas about how we can improve the way we administer services, regulate business and industry or achieve cost-savings please share them with me. As I travel throughout the district and meet with community leaders, business owners, government officials and other individuals, I am always looking at how we can improve the way Ohio operates.

In addition, my office also sends out an e-newsletter on a regular basis to constituents that offers updates on what is happening in state government. If you are interested in receiving these updates, please contact my office.

As always, I welcome your views on state government issues. Please contact my office via e-mail: SD12@senate.state.oh.us, via phone: (614) 466-7505 or via mail: State Senator Keith Faber, 1 Capitol Square, Columbus, Ohio 43215.