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## **Senator Tavares Responds to Budget Passage**

*Columbus* – State Senator Charleta B. Tavares (D-Columbus) issued the following statement today after the Ohio Senate passed the amended version of House Bill 153, the state’s biennium budget for fiscal years 2012 and 2013:

*“I could not in good conscience vote for this budget because it hijacks the needs of the many for the wants of a few.*

*“The values displayed in this document hurt the health and safety of our residents; stifles the voice of racial and ethnic minorities; hurts the poor, sick and elderly; cuts jobs and benefits; and devalues public servants.*

*“This budget promotes the wants of few single- focused ideologues, millionaires and selected large businesses and industries.”*