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Senator Turner Responds to Budget Passage

Columbus –State Senator Nina Turner (D-Cleveland) 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:

“This budget represents a dream deferred for the state of Ohio, its cities and its citizens. Instead of laying the foundation for the future prosperity of all people, it stifles the ability of our state to reach its full potential. Cutting support for our schools, our local governments and higher education means higher fees, higher taxes and higher tuition, all amounting to middle-class tax increases. This is pass-the-buck budgeting at its worst.”

“This budget lacks jobs, will increase the unemployment rate and does not implement public policy that provides a level playing field for all citizens. This was supposed to be the “jobs budget” but approximately 2,000 public employees have been laid off since it was unveiled in March. The people of Ohio deserve better. We have 22 days before we are constitutionally obligated to pass the budget, and it is my hope that with this time, we can craft a plan that will reverse these wrongs and help Ohio’s citizens realize their American Dream.”