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## **Senator Turner Responds to Final Budget Passage**

COLUMBUS – State Senator Nina Turner (D-Cleveland) issued the following statement after voting “no” on the final version of the biennial state budget (HB 153) as reported by the Conference Committee:

*“Though limited changes were made during Conference Committee, this budget still sells Ohio short and hamstring its future potential. It mortgages our state’s future by selling public assets for one-time infusions of quick cash, removes ladders to economic mobility by decimating funding for our schools and universities, and does nothing to support the economic security or safety of working and middle class Ohioans.*”

*“This is pass the buck budgeting that pushes the responsibility of enacting a balanced budget onto the backs of local officials who will be left with no choice but to look their citizens in the eye and ask them for more.*”

*“I believe that the people of Ohio deserve better. They deserve a budget that lays the groundwork for growth and a government that is willing to invest in the future by supporting education, employment and opportunity for all. Unfortunately, this legislation does none of that.”*