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**OELSLAGER ANNOUNCES APPROVAL OF REGULATORY REFORM,
PERFORMANCE AUDIT BILLS**

COLUMBUS— State Senator Scott Oelslager (R- North Canton) announced that the Ohio Senate voted earlier this week to approve legislation that would reform the way businesses are regulated in Ohio and require performance audits of state agencies, boards and commissions.

“By working to eliminate regulations that are overly burdensome on businesses and make government more efficient, we can vastly improve the way Ohio serves its citizens and make the state a more attractive place for companies to locate and create jobs,” Oelslager said. “I was pleased to join many of my colleagues in supporting these bills, and I look forward to continuing our work to improve our state in the weeks ahead.”

Senate Bill 2 was introduced by Senator Jim Hughes (R- Columbus) and establishes the Common Sense Initiative Office as proposed by Governor Kasich and Lieutenant Governor Taylor. The CSI Office would be required to develop a small business impact analysis tool that will be used by state agencies to determine any adverse impact a new rule or regulation could have on small businesses and create customer service performance standards for employees and officers of Ohio’s state agencies, with a general goal of helping employers navigate complicated state regulations and cut through bureaucratic red tape.

Under Senate Bill 4, sponsored by Senator Tim Schaffer (R- Lancaster), the Auditor of State would be required to conduct at least four performance audits each biennium. Two of the audits must be for executive level agencies, and two must be for other agencies such as state boards or commissions. Performance audits measure an agency’s actual performance against its goals and objectives, resulting in tax dollar savings, the better use of existing resources and improved operations.