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Senator Kearney Says Republicans Should Follow Governor's Lead

Columbus – State Senator Eric H. Kearney (D-Cincinnati) is urging Senate Republicans to follow Governor Kasich's lead and recognize the importance of Ohio's fathers by not eliminating funding for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood.

"The Commission on Fatherhood has been an invaluable resource for our fathers," said Senator Kearney. "Defunding the commission not only contradicts the Governor's resolution, but it also puts communities at risk of losing contributing fathers."

Yesterday, Governor Kasich issued a resolution designating June as Fatherhood Month in Ohio because of *"the important parenthood role they play by supplying the emotional and financial support their children need."*

The Governor's resolution comes on the heels of Senate Republicans eliminating funding for the Ohio Commission on Fatherhood in its amended state budget.

"As a father himself, surely the Governor can understand the need to fund the commission's programs," said Senator Kearney. "He should encourage his Senate colleagues to restore funding to something that he has deemed as important."

The Commission has received bi-partisan support since its inception. Ohio has played a leadership role in providing comprehensive programming and support for Ohio's families and fathers.