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Statement on Governor's Proposed Biennial Budget

Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel issued this statement in response Gov. DeWine's budget proposal:

"While Ohio's economy is showing signs of recovery and vaccines offer hope, businesses – like all Ohioans – continue to face great uncertainty. We need an aggressive, pro-growth budget focused on economic recovery, and I am deeply appreciative that is what Gov. DeWine's budget proposal outlined today delivers.

Most important, the new "Investing in Ohio Initiative" provides additional, needed resources to the industries that continue to really struggle, like our bars and restaurants, hotels, and entertainment venues. It invests in the types of things – local economic development site readiness and high-speed broadband access, for example – that create jobs. It ensures that more Ohioans have the opportunity to earn industry-recognized credentials. Also, by not proposing major tax changes or increases, it maintains consistency and predictability in the tax code.

The governor should be applauded for crafting a budget proposal that positions our state's economy for a strong rebound once the coronavirus threat passes."

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