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Governor John R. Kasich Calls on Ohio to lead an Effort to Push for a Federal Balanced Budget

Lima, OH- Ohio Governor John R. Kasich held a rally at Rhodes State College to advocate for a federal balanced budget.

“It’s common sense,” Kasich said. “You can’t keep spending more than you take in. This is a value. This is an American value.”

Kasich; Ohio House Speaker Bill Batchelder; and Ohio Senate President Keith Faber used the occasion to sign letters to President Barack Obama, U.S. Senate Majority Leader Harry Reid and Speaker of the House John Boehner transmitting the General Assembly’s recently passed resolution calling for a federal balanced budget. They were joined by Rep. Matt Huffman and U.S. Congressman Steve Stivers.

About 100 people attended the rally, held Monday Nov. 25. Ohio is the 20th state to call for a federal balanced budget amendment. Dr. Debra McCurdy, president of Rhodes State, said, “it is significant that Gov. Kasich and other state and federal elected officials are here today to sign the balanced budget resolution at Rhodes State because we want you to know at the College we have also worked hard to ensure a balanced budget and be good stewards of public money.”

Sen. Faber said that 49 of 50 states are required by their state constitutions to balance their budgets. He said polls consistently show that more than 2/3rds of Americans want a balanced budget amendment in the U.S. Constitution.

“It is up to us to draw the line in the sand to see to it that this brink of disaster that we are approaching is stopped, and that we turn this nation’s debt picture around,” said Speaker Batchelder.

Governor Kasich said he wants Ohio to be a leader on this issue and that he intends to call all the governors around the country. “Isn’t it time that we put our children first? Isn’t it time that we straighten out the economy? Isn’t it time, we start to govern with common sense and we will see what they have to say.”

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