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OLC Response to Governor Strickland's Statement

<http://www.governor.ohio.gov/LibraryLetter/tabid/1108/Default.aspx>

It appears that Governor Strickland has chosen to ignore the public outcry supporting Ohio's public libraries and is sticking to his original proposal to slash public library funding by 30% in each of the next two years. His proposed cuts are in addition to the 20% decrease already experienced by public libraries due to decreases in tax revenue.

Public libraries recognize that these are tough times and have been willing to shoulder their fair share of the burden. However, an additional 30% is **not** a fair share.

The OLC appreciates the fact that the Governor recognizes the value of the public libraries in this state but his continued stance on cutting library funding will be devastating.

The OLC hopes the General Assembly has heard the voice of Ohioans supporting public libraries and we strongly urge them to appropriately represent their constituents' voices in the budget process.