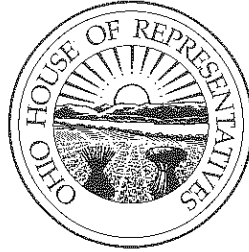


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Dear Governor-elect Mike DeWine,

Congratulations on your election to become our 70th governor.

I am heartened by your commitment to work together with Democrats and Republicans to pass meaningful legislation that gives all Ohioans the tools they need for a better life in the Buckeye State.

I am encouraged by your uniting words to find common ground on common sense policies that grow our economy, better our educational outcomes, and protect healthcare.

The beginning of the end of the 132nd General Assembly next week stands as a reminder that our actions together in state government over the next eight months will set the course for our state and for future generations of Ohioans.

What we do now will impact the success of your leadership come January. I thought it especially important to reach out on three key policy initiatives we can accomplish together in "lame duck" to prepare your administration and our state for success on your first day in office:

1. Strengthen Ohio manufacturing and increase the safety of public buildings by requiring public construction projects to use American steel in new school buildings and renovations. [House Bill 57, Reps. John Bocchieri, Dan Ramos]
2. Ensure career-ready high school students aren't held back by dysfunctional rules that keep them from graduating in 2019 and 2020. [HB 630, Rep. Tavia Galonski- Extend alternative graduation pathways for '19 & '20]
3. Meet the opioid crisis head-on by giving your office the tools they need for a coordinated and strategic response. [HB TBD, Rep. Rich Brown- To create the office of Drug Policy]

As respective leaders of this state, I believe we have a commitment to set the divisive and partisan, political battles of the past aside to come together in the name of progress and opportunity for the citizens of our state. I have included copies of the aforementioned legislation, with the goal of coming together to accomplish meaningful reforms that contribute to your success as the future leader of our state.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Fred Strahorn".

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