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Ohio Oil and Gas Association Responds to State of the State Address

From Thomas E. Stewart, executive vice president of the Ohio Oil and Gas Association:

We agree with Gov. Kasich that a strong energy policy and industry are vital to Ohio's economic resurgence and we're proud that the state's crude oil and natural gas producers will be leading the charge.

Ohio had the forethought to put in place strong regulatory policy to ensure that oil and gas development is pursued responsibly and in an environmentally sound manner. Nearly two years ago, Senate Bill 165 passed with bi-partisan support and ushered in the most stringent oil and gas laws and regulations in the U.S.

Despite calls by the oil-and-gas opposition to place restrictions or a moratorium on oil and gas development, we believe, like the governor, that we shouldn't let our fears outweigh our potential. We're confident that the state is ready to embrace an energy-based economy, which will benefit all Ohioans from the creation of tens of thousands of new jobs, low energy prices and an increase in tax revenue.

About the Ohio Oil and Gas Association

The Ohio Oil and Gas Association is a trade association with more than 1,900 members involved in the exploration, production and development of crude oil and natural gas resources within the state of Ohio. For more information, visit www.ooga.org.

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