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GRENDALL'S PROPOSAL IS WRONG FOR OHIO

Columbus, Ohio – State Senator Tim Grendell’s proposed legislation to consolidate state government into just 11 departments – Ohio Senate Bill 52 – is best described as a ‘red herring’ solution to Ohio’s budget challenges. Senate Bill 52 moves Ohio in the wrong direction by slashing nearly 11,000 jobs and reducing the access to services that Ohioans rely on specifically during these troubling economic times.

“Senator Grendell’s proposal is a deliberate attempt to divert attention away from the failed policy of cutting our way to prosperity,” said Becky Williams, President of the SEIU District 1199. “Cuts alone will not solve the problems we face with the Ohio budget,” continued Williams. “We must increase revenue and make rational decisions in the best interest of all Ohioans to solve this problem.”

SEIU District 1199 supports Ohio House Bill 318 which freezes income tax rates at 2008 levels, and was passed by the Ohio House earlier this month. District 1199 believes that raising additional state revenue to restore funding is the right thing to do to help the greatest number of Ohio’s working families.

District 1199 represents more than 35,000 health care, social service and public sector workers across Ohio, West Virginia, and Kentucky. The Union is a part of the Service Employees International Union, whose 2 million members make it the largest union of health care workers and the fastest growing union in the world.

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