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Editors of the Cleveland Plain Dealer,

Ohio's history is rich with manufacturing success. The Ohio Manufacturing Policy Alliance (MPA), comprised of eight founding members, strongly supports amended House Bill 64 as passed by the Ohio House of Representatives. We applaud Speaker Cliff Rosenberger for choosing to amend the Kasich Administration's tax-shifting proposal with a more balanced approach, supported by not only large manufacturers and an overwhelming majority of the business community.

While lowering the income tax burden of all Ohioans, Rosenberger's proposal does not penalize Ohioans with increases in sales taxes in an effort to move to a consumption-based tax formula. In his proposal, Rosenberger creates a forward looking concept to methodically study major changes to the way Ohio conducts business as it competes in a global environment. We believe this is a prudent course to review and rewrite Ohio's tax policies.

Members of MPA believe that Ohio has made tremendous strides in recovering from the most recent economic downturn. We urge members of the legislature to maintain the status quo during this budget cycle, as Rosenberger has concluded. Let Ohio continue to recover and prosper while providing stability and certainty to the current business climate.

Sincerely,

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