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FIGHTING DRUG ABUSE AND ADDICTION IN OHIO

Nearly \$1 Billion Invested in Ohio Communities in the Past Year Alone

Governor John R. Kasich's work to fight drug abuse and addiction began even before he took office and, over the last six years, Ohio has put in place one of the nation's most aggressive and comprehensive approaches to fighting opiate addiction and drug overdoses. Under the governor's leadership, Ohio has developed a responsive, comprehensive and community-centered plan of action – an approach based on four strategic pillars: Treatment and Recovery, Prevention, Education and tougher, more effective Enforcement aimed at the drug traffickers and pill-mill operators who are injecting this poison into our communities.

Ohio is investing nearly \$1 billion each year to help communities battle the scourge of drug abuse and addiction at the local level. Because of this strong commitment, Ohio communities have access to significant funding to help them address treatment, prevention and law enforcement. Those resources include:

- Helping communities purchase the life-saving drug naloxone
- Investing in specialized drug courts that link offenders with treatment
- Providing safe, stable housing to help drug-addicted Ohioans recover
- Increasing funding for individuals needing addiction and behavioral health treatment
- Enforcing Ohio's drug laws to prevent the illegal distribution of powerful synthetic opioids

FY16 Statewide Assistance to Support Fighting Drug Abuse and Addiction

Health Care for Ohioans with Drug Addiction/Behavioral Health Issues	\$ 650,200,000.
Department of Mental Health and Addiction Services	\$ 88,768,265.
Programs in Ohio's Prisons	\$ 31,411,160.
Department of Public Safety	\$ 11,069,452.
Medical Board	\$ 5,257,526.
Pharmacy Board	\$ 4,232,963.
Bureau of Workers' Compensation	\$ 2,900,000.
Department of Youth Services	\$ 2,827,469.
Department of Health	\$ 262,025.
Department of Job and Family Services	\$ 138,238,777.
Adjutant General	\$ 4,068,190.
GRAND TOTAL	\$ 939,235,827.*

*Does not include Ohio Highway Patrol, Attorney General and Ohio Supreme Court funding

BOTTOM LINE: Ohio continues to provide tools and resources to local communities to help combat addiction and drug abuse. It is imperative that communities collaborate with those on the frontlines of this battle and put these available resources to work in their neighborhoods. The evil we're fighting continues to take on a changing face, making it essential that communities have a determined, community-based sense of commitment and a shared purpose to make progress.

