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OCSEA President responds to State of the State

The following is a response by OCSEA President Christopher Mabe to Governor's Kasich's State of the State address.

“Missing from Governor Kasich’s remarks are the thousands of state, county and municipal employees who have lost their jobs, including over 2,000 front line state employees, during his first year. That has had a dramatic impact on our communities. It’s about time we recognized the importance of public sector work. Meat inspectors, highway workers, bridge inspectors, correction officers, direct care workers and unemployment counselors--these are the public employees who have kept Ohio working and maintained Ohioans’ quality of life through this rough economy. We are part of the solution.”

“We also didn’t hear anything in his speech about the kitchen table issues that matter the most to middle class families: paying for education, having secure employment, retiring with dignity or maintaining safe communities.”

OCSEA represents approximately 31,000 public employees who work in a wide range of security, regulatory, administrative, direct care, maintenance, customer service and other positions. For more information, contact Sally Meckling, 614-865-2602 or 614-404-3881 (cell).