Official Argument and Explanation For Issue 2

A "Yes" vote on Issue 2 authorizes only a location change for the Columbus casino to the site of an abandoned General Motors manufacturing plant. It ensures faster development, creating jobs and tax revenues as quickly as possible.

Issue 2 is simply a change in the location of the casino authorized in Columbus by voters in November of 2009. It has **no effect** on the casinos authorized in Cleveland, Cincinnati and Toledo, or on any other aspect of gaming in Ohio.

Your "Yes" vote on Issue 2:

- Authorizes the Columbus casino to be developed on the site of the abandoned General Motors/Delphi Automotive manufacturing plant on Columbus' West Side. It moves the casino to a community that has been devastated by the economic downturn, is in need of economic development, and has demonstrated strong support for the casino location.
- Makes **no other changes** to the casino issue approved by voters in 2009.

By authorizing a change in the Columbus location, voters will ensure the fastest possible development of the four Ohio casinos, which will:

- Create **34,000 new Ohio jobs** that can't be outsourced.
- Produce **$11 billion in economic impact** over five years.
- Generate **$651 million a year in tax revenue** to be shared by Ohio's 88 counties, eight largest cities, and every public school district.
- Provide **$200 million for state job training** programs that put Ohioans back to work.
- Bring a minimum of **$1 billion in new private investment** to Ohio's largest metropolitan areas.

Keep Ohio Money In Ohio: The sooner Ohio's casinos open, the sooner we can keep **in Ohio** more than **$1 billion** that leaves the state each year when Ohioans visit neighboring states' gaming facilities.

Vote YES on Issue 2

Submitted by: Senators Jim Hughes, David Goodman, and Ray Miller, and Representatives Ted Celeste, Tracy Heard, and Cheryl Grossman