

By MR. LOVEFACE

No. 833-11

AN INFORMAL RESOLUTION

Expressing Support for the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) and Urging the Ohio General Assembly to Preserve the Mission of the OCC by Restoring Funding to the OCC Budget.

WHEREAS, In 1976, the Ohio Consumers' Counsel (OCC) was created by the Ohio General Assembly to represent the interests of Ohio's residential utility customers in matters relating to their public utility services, including electric, natural gas, water and telephone; and

WHEREAS, Funded solely by assessments on utilities and not by taxes, the OCC's budget does not affect the State's General Revenue Fund; and

WHEREAS, The OCC has a current operating budget of approximately \$8.5 million per year, however, under the proposed biennial budget, the OCC's budget would be reduced to \$4.1 million per year; and

WHEREAS, The OCC staff, which includes attorneys, accountants, economists, engineers, investigators and other highly skilled professionals, participates in legal proceedings, analyzes utility issues, educates customers, resolves informal complaints relating to utility services through the highly effective Consumer Call Center, and advocates on behalf of Ohio's residential households; and

WHEREAS, In the current biennium, the OCC has saved customers \$54.8 million directly through its advocacy and an additional \$1.9 billion in shared savings with other partners and, furthermore, during the past 35 years the OCC has saved utility customers \$10 billion in avoided utility costs, so that the savings have far exceeded the costs; and

WHEREAS, Any budget reduction to the OCC would not go back to the taxpayers, but would go to the utility companies, and the proposed budget cuts would have a detrimental impact on the residential utility customers of the State of Ohio and the ability of the OCC to effectively advocate on their behalf; now, therefore

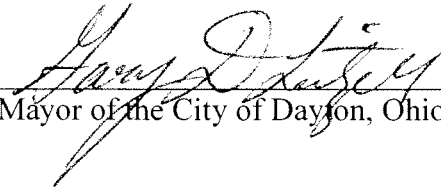
BE IT RESOLVED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DAYTON:

SECTION 1. That the Dayton City Commission recognizes and values the vital work of the Office of the Ohio Consumers' Counsel as a strong consumer advocate and the only statutory entity representing the interests of residential utility consumers.

SECTION 2. That the Dayton City Commission urges the Ohio General Assembly to allocate a budget sufficient to the OCC for it to complete its mission and to reduce the size of the budget cut proposed in the current budget plan.

Adopted by the Commission..... May 25, 2011

Signed by the Mayor..... May 25, 2011



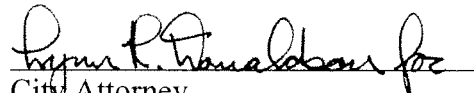
Mayor of the City of Dayton, Ohio

Attest:



Clerk of the Commission

Approved as to form:



City Attorney