

NOTE: “After two hard years, Ohio is headed upward, and this budget promises to make the climb easier.”



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A budget plan for prosperity: editorial

Plan to reform taxes on income, sales, would spur growth

Ohio today is a healthier state with a brighter future than two years ago, when newly elected Gov. John Kasich introduced an austere state budget that included deep cuts in education and local-government spending. The budget was painful, but today's improving fortunes are tied directly to it. By erasing an \$8 billion gap between revenues and spending and creating greater efficiency in state government, that budget put the state on a sustainable path.

Two years ago, *The Dispatch* said of that document: "...this plan begins the process of reshaping state government to cope with hard times now and hasten the return of better times in the future."

Indeed, while Ohio has a way to go to reach the levels of prosperity known in the past, "better times" clearly are here, and the new two-year budget introduced by Kasich on Monday reflects that.

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