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Cbus CoC and Partnership on board

The Columbus Chamber of Commerce and the Columbus Partnership are both supporting Gov. John Kasich's [plan to cut income taxes by boosting taxes on shale drilling](#).

"We frequently hear from Columbus Chamber members about the need to improve Ohio's economic competitiveness relative to the current tax structure. A strategy to reduce income taxes would encourage additional job creation and capital investment," Michael Dalby, president and chief executive officer for the Columbus chamber, said in a news release. "Gov. Kasich's plan puts a legitimate option on the table that deserves discussion and consideration."

Kasich's had a tough time selling members of his own party on his plan, particularly in the Ohio House, where Republicans stripped it out of his mid-biennium review legislation.

To that end, Columbus Partnership president and CEO Alex Fischer sent letters to both Ohio House Speaker William G. Batchelder and Senate President Tom Niehaus urging passage of Kasich's plan through the legislature.

"While the Partnership does not come together to support every issue in front of us, we are committed to thoughtful and rational policies that drive our economic growth," Fischer wrote to both Batchelder and Niehaus. "Just as Ohio is moderinizing its regulatory policies to prepare for the arrival of this exciting new industry, the Governor's income tax cut proposal ensures an up-to-date approach for our state's tax structure as well. This promotes prudent, appropriate and good conservative tax policy which will help fuel our continued economic growth."

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