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KASICH STATEMENT ON SEARS

COLUMBUS – Below is a statement attributed to Gov. John R. Kasich in response to reports that Sears will stay in Illinois.

“A year ago, who would have imagined that Ohio would be going toe-to-toe with Texas, the nation’s most successful job-creating state, to compete for jobs. We’re disappointed that it didn’t work out, but it is very exciting that Ohio was in serious contention up to the very end, and that it took a special session of the Illinois legislature to beat us.

“To have one of America’s major retailers consider relocating to Ohio is a testament to how far we’ve come in a short amount of time – we are beginning to get back on track. It’s also a reminder that we cannot let up in our efforts to build a jobs-friendly climate so Ohioans can get back to work.”

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