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**State Representative**

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To: Speaker Smith, President Obhof  
CC: Governor-elect DeWine, Chair Blessing, Leader Strahorn

Dear Speaker Smith & President Obhof,

I am writing to you today in order to offer my House Bill 767 as a means to provide Governor-elect DeWine with a tool that he has called for to combat Ohio's Opioid Crisis. House Bill 767 would create the Governor's Office of Drug Policy and better coordinate our state and local governments to respond to this epidemic.

Like Governor-elect DeWine, I believe that establishing an office with the specific purpose of responding to this epidemic, and working to prevent the next one is a necessary tool. I was pleased to see Governor-elect DeWine call for such a position on September 19, soon after I outlined my plan for an Office of Drug Policy at a press conference with Ohio community leaders.

I believe that House Bill 767 can be an important tool that Governor-elect DeWine can use to on his first day in office to better prepare our state to address the opioid crisis head-on in a strategic, coordinated, and unified way. I respectfully urge the leadership in both chambers to help Governor-elect DeWine and our state by swiftly moving this legislation during the remaining time in the lame duck period.

Should you have any questions about the legislation, or would like to meet to discuss it, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Best Regards,

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