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**CREATING A TAX STRUCTURE THAT WORKS FOR ALL**

**WHEREAS:** State and local governments provide essential services for our communities, the need for these services to be adequately funded is essential in meeting the needs of our communities as well as to ensure that state and local economies prosper; and

**WHEREAS:** Investments in transportation, education, healthcare, infrastructure and other public works projects are an important way to improve the economy and create demand for other goods and services; and

**WHEREAS:** Ohio and other states have reduced personal and corporate taxes in recent years in hopes of boosting their economies, they have seen slower job growth rates than the rest of the country as a whole; and

**WHEREAS:** Six years after the Great Recession ended, revenues now are barely above their pre-recession levels; with millions still either unemployed or under-employed.

**THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:** That the Ohio AFL-CIO continue to lobby the Ohio Legislature and Congress to pass legislation that raises taxes on the very wealthy and corporations and prohibits them from shifting profits to other states to avoid paying their proper tax rate.

**BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED:** Affiliates of the Ohio AFL-CIO will assist with this effort by encouraging its leadership and members to meet with legislative and congressional representatives to encourage their support on this important issue.

**THEREFORE FINALLY BE IT RESOLVED:** The Ohio AFL-CIO and its affiliates commit to working with community, faith, social and economic justice organizations in leveling the playing field when it comes to paying tax obligations to better ensure opportunities for all.

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