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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE:

#### **FINANCIAL DISCLOSURE DEADLINE IS WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15**

The Ohio Ethics Commission is reminding individuals who are elected to state, county, and city offices, and school board offices in school districts with more than 12,000 students, that they are required to file their financial disclosure statements ("disclosure statements") by Wednesday, April 15. All school district superintendents, treasurers, and business managers must also file disclosure statements by April 15. Completed and signed disclosure statements may be filed at the Commission offices by April 15 or must be postmarked by April 15.

Once disclosure statements are filed with the Ethics Commission, they are available for public inspection. Any person may request copies of disclosure statements that have been filed with the Ethics Commission. Copies are available free of charge.

The Ethics Commission is required to assess a late fee against any person who fails to file a disclosure statement by the applicable deadline. The late fee is assessed on a daily basis, on a sliding scale, based on the office held by the individual, up to a maximum late filing fee of one-hundred dollars (\$100).

Elected officials can obtain blank copies of the financial disclosure statement from the county board of elections or the Ohio Ethics Commission. The Ethics Commission welcomes any questions about the disclosure statements or the filing process. For more information, or blank copies of the disclosure statement, please contact the Ethics Commission at (614) 466-7090.

The Ohio Ethics Commission is an independent agency of state government charged with interpreting and administering the Ohio Ethics Law for many state and local public officials and employees. The Commission has been serving the public, and state and local

governments, since its formation as part of the Ohio Ethics Law in 1973.