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**VETO MESSAGE**

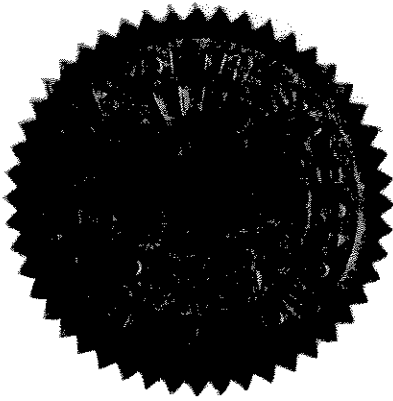
**STATEMENT OF THE REASONS FOR THE VETO OF  
SUBSTITUTE HOUSE BILL NUMBER 231**

**JULY 15, 2011**

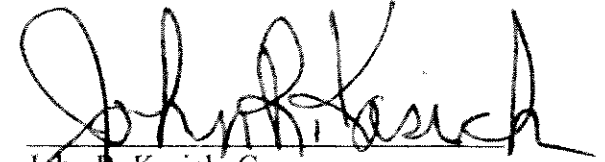
Pursuant to Article II, Section 16 of the Ohio Constitution, which states that the Governor may disapprove any bill, I hereby disapprove Substitute House Bill Number 231 (HB 231) and set forth below the reasons for so doing.

Lake Erie is an incredible resource that demands our vigilant stewardship to maximize its environmental, recreational and commercial potential for Ohioans. The Great Lakes Compact ensures that Great Lakes states and provinces work together to protect the lakes and the water resources in the basin, and Ohio's legislation is intended to further Ohio's compliance with the compact. While most of HB 231 fulfills Ohio's obligations without concern and helps meet the needs of Ohio's industrial, energy and agricultural water users, portions of it must be improved. Namely, Ohio's legislation lacks clear standards for conservation and withdrawals and does not allow for sufficient evaluation and monitoring of withdrawals or usage. I look forward to working with the General Assembly to make the necessary improvements to the legislation.

For these reasons, I am vetoing Substitute House Bill Number 231.



IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto subscribed my name and caused the Great Seal of the State of Ohio to be affixed at Columbus this 15<sup>th</sup> day of July, Two Thousand Eleven.

  
John R. Kasich, Governor

This will acknowledge the receipt of a copy of this Veto Message of Substitute House Bill Number 231 that was disapproved by Governor John R. Kasich on July 15, 2011.

  
Name and Title of Officer

7.15.11      3:58 p.m.  
Date and Time of Receipt