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STATE REPRESENTATIVE KRIS JORDAN INTRODUCES PORK CHOP BILL

COLUMBUS – State Representative Kris Jordan (R- Delaware) held a press conference today to announce the introduction of legislation that would establish the State Government Efficiency Commission.

“The government’s typical reaction in tough times is to try and beef up the economy by creating more programs, but often those in government can’t tell the difference between beef and pork,” Jordan said. “With a massive budget deficit facing our state, it is our responsibility to ensure that every taxpayer dollar we spend is used as efficiently as possible and in the way it is designated to be spent.”

House Bill 66, otherwise known as the Pork Chop bill, will create a state commission similar to the Grace Commission. The Grace Commission was created by President Ronald Regan in 1982 to investigate waste and inefficiency in the federal government.

The State Government Efficiency Commission will consist of twelve established business leaders appointed by the governor, the speaker of the house, the president of the senate and the auditor of state. The commission, also known as the Ohio Grace Commission, will be responsible for studying state agencies, finding those considered to be not business-friendly and submitting a report recommending cost savings measures for state government. The report will be provided to the governor and the General Assembly, and will project the amount of cost savings and prioritize the recommended actions.

“In 1983, Ohio did create its own task force on this issue, but none of the recommendations were put into action,” Jordan said. “If they had, the state could have saved billions over the last 24 years. To add some teeth to this commission, the legislation requires that 90 percent of the recommendations be implemented within four years of the final report.”

The introduction of the Pork Chop bill coincides with the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions and Citizens Against Government Waste’s (CAGW) joint release of the *2009 Ohio Piglet Book* focusing on government waste, fraud and abuse in the Ohio state budget. David Hansen, President of the Buckeye Institute and David Williams, Vice-President for Policy for CAGW, participated in the press conference.

Legislators participating in the press conference included: Representatives Jordan, Boose, Burke, Blair, Uecker, John Adams, Richard Adams, Derickson, Hite and Martin.

Other co-sponsors of include Representatives Amstutz, Bacon, Blessing, Bubp, Combs, Evans, Hall, Hottinger, Huffman, Lehner, Mecklenborg, Morgan, Snitchler, Stebelton, Wagner, Hackett and Grossman