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BUCKEYE INSTITUTE RELEASES PRINCIPLES FOR FIXING OHIO

February 28, 2011—Columbus, Oh - The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions today released "Six Principles for Fixing Ohio." The report outlines six key principles that Ohio's political leaders should adhere to as the process of transforming our state begins. "While painful, these reforms can put Ohio on the path to a strong recovery" Matt A. Mayer, President of the Buckeye Institute stated. "Without these reforms our best and brightest young citizens will continue to migrate south and west to states where they see more opportunity."

The six principles include: *The Past is No Guide for Today's Budgets, Break Labor's Stronghold, Put Taxpayers and Vulnerable Populations Ahead of Government Pay Scales and Public-Sector Unions, Government Retirements Should Mirror What the Rest of Us Have, Make Thinking Outside the Box More Than a Slogan, and Demand the Federal Government Respect Our Ability to Get Thing Done.*

These principles arrive at a time where the State of Ohio is facing the loss of over 600,000 private-sector jobs since 2000, Governor John Kasich's state budget is set to be released, and the state legislature is discussing reforms on collective bargaining for public-sector workers.

The full report can be viewed at [www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/BUCKEYE-six-principles-fixing-ohio-1\(1\).pdf](http://www.buckeyeinstitute.org/uploads/files/BUCKEYE-six-principles-fixing-ohio-1(1).pdf)

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The Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions is Ohio's premier free market think tank. Based in Columbus, Ohio, the Buckeye Institute has provided the research and solutions to Ohio's toughest public policy challenges in economic freedom and competitiveness, job creation and entrepreneurship, and government transparency and accountability for over 21 years.

Matt A. Mayer is the President of the Buckeye Institute for Public Policy Solutions and serves as a Visiting Fellow with The Heritage Foundation, where he writes and speaks on national security issues and heads the Homeland Security and the States project. Mayer's book, [Homeland Security and Federalism: Protecting America from Outside the Beltway](#), came out in June 2009.