

Letter: Urges delay in state income tax reduction

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The Oct. 4 issue of the Falls News-Press carried a story ("Falls Schools face financial hurdles," Page 1) about the predicted deficits looming for the Cuyahoga Falls School District in 2012 and 2013, with a tight budget in 2011.

These deficits assume passage of all existing levies as they come up for renewal. Part of these deficits are the result of a new system of state support, that was under funded and on shaky ground when passed last spring.

A recent Ohio Supreme Court decision on Video Lottery Terminals has created the likelihood that there will be even less state funding available in the future. I believe our local district cannot function properly without adequate state funding.

In response, Gov. Strickland has proposed delaying the final stage of Ohio's income tax reduction. I support this proposal and ask other residents of Cuyahoga Falls to also support the governor in this matter.

In 2005, legislation was passed to reduce personal income taxes over a five-year period by 21 percent. Four of the five decreases have taken place, and we are now paying less than in 2005. In retrospect, we attempted to cut too much, and need to postpone this last cut. It may be necessary to also look at other sources of revenue, such as modification to recent cuts in business taxes.

Please contact the governor and your state representatives and senators in support of postponing this last cut to state income taxes.

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