

Balance the budget by freezing tax cuts

Thanks to the Beacon Journal for supporting House Bill 318 as the soundest and most transparent way to stabilize Ohio's budget ("Budget in the balance," Nov. 1, and "True story about taxes," Nov. 4).

While challenges remain in school funding, we can't solve them without operating from a solid financial base.

A temporary freeze on further income tax cuts is the cleanest, most prudent way to balance the state budget during these difficult economic times.

Besides helping our schools, this plan will also ensure that none of us will pay higher taxes than we did in 2008. This straightforward legislation passed the Ohio House with bipartisan support. We have reason to hope that a number of leading, thoughtful Republicans may join united Senate Democrats in this approach.

I urge my colleagues in the Senate to give their support to House Bill 318.

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