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## Schaffer, Hayes Create House Buckeye Lake Caucus

COLUMBUS- State Representative Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) and State Representative Bill Hayes (R-Harrison Township) today announced the formation of the **Ohio House Buckeye Lake Caucus** in the wake of a U.S. Army Corps of Engineers report citing the need for dam improvements. The goals of the Buckeye Lake Caucus will be to organize advocacy efforts for, and encourage constructive discussion about, Buckeye Lake, its dam and protecting the local economy in the Buckeye Lake region.

"The Corps, which is the nation's engineering authority on dam safety & construction, has made it clear that action needs to be taken," Schaffer said. "I don't think anyone wants to drain the lake. So we must find some middle ground with a solution that will respect the local residents, allow businesses in Buckeye Lake to thrive and ensure safety and enjoyment of the lake for generations to come."

"My goal is to provide a conduit for listening and communicating between and among interested parties," Hayes said.

Schaffer and Hayes said that the caucus plans to hold its first meeting in the coming weeks.