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OAHU Expecting Record Attendance at 20th Annual Day at the Statehouse

Cleveland (March 10, 2011) – The Ohio Association of Health Underwriters (OAHU) is looking forward to record participation at its 20th Day at the Statehouse on Tuesday, April 5, at the Riffe Center in Columbus, Ohio. The day's speakers will include OAHU member and State Representative Barbara Sears (R-Sylvania). Representative Sears serves as House Assistant Majority Floor Leader and is a member of the House Finance, Insurance and Health and Aging Committees. State Senator Jimmy Stewart (R-Albany) who serves as the Senate Majority Floor Leader will also speak. Senator Stewart serves as Vice-Chair of the Senate Health, Human Services & Aging Committee and is a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Carrie Haughawout, Assistant Director of Health Policy, Ohio Department of Insurance (ODI), will discuss ODI's plans for a state Health Benefits Exchange.

Lt. Governor and Ohio Department of Insurance Director Mary Taylor has been invited to give the keynote address. The Lt. Governor is off to a busy start not only with her new duties at ODI but as the Kasich Administration's leader of its Common Sense Initiative (CSI). The CSI is embodied in S.B. 2 which is focused on streamlining rules that negatively impact small businesses.

In the afternoon, attendees will meet with legislators from their local House and Senate districts. OAHU members will be explaining the increased role agents will need to play to assist Ohioans in the purchase of affordable health insurance in this rapidly changing health insurance environment.

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The Ohio Association of Health Underwriters (OAHU) is a trade association representing agents, brokers and other professionals concerned with health insurance. The association works for reform to provide an improved, accessible and affordable health insurance system for all Ohio consumers. In addition, OAHU supports its five local associations in promoting free-market delivery of health insurance and the value of the professional agent.