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This Week at the Statehouse

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Around the Square

Kasich Calls on Congress

Governor John Kasich, Colorado Governor John Hickenlooper, and six other governors signed a letter and released a plan to call on Congress to stabilize health insurance markets, retain coverage gains and foster federal-state partnerships to improve performance. The letter was signed by Kasich and the governors of Colorado, Nevada, Pennsylvania, Alaska, Virginia, Louisiana and Montana. Read the full plan here: <http://bit.ly/2epo6BS>

Space Announces for Auditor

Former U.S. Representative Zack Space announced he is running for State Auditor. On Tuesday, he officially kicked off his campaign with stops in Columbus, Zanesville and Lima. If elected, the Democrat plans on making the election process fairer and investigate how to spend tax dollars more efficiently. In the race, Republican Rep Keith Faber has also announced his candidacy for Auditor.

Political News and Notes

Amazon Approved for Tax Credits

The Tax Credit Authority on Wednesday approved incentives for eight projects in the state, including two new Amazon warehouse in the City of Monroe and the Village of North Randall. The Development Services Agency reported these incentives are estimated to result in \$377 million in investments and \$115 in new payroll. Additionally, there is projected to be 3,792 new jobs created and 459 positions retained statewide.

Arshinkoff Passes Away

Long-time Republican leader Alex Arshinkoff passed away on Monday. He was 62. Arshinkoff chaired the Summit County Republican Party for several years and was regarded as a "giant" in Ohio Republican politics. Governor Kasich commented Arshinkoff loved two things, his wife and politics. He is survived by his wife Karen.

Ohio Task Force Sent to Houston

On August 25, Ohio Task Force 1 deployed from Dayton to Texas around 3am to help aid victims from Hurricane Harvey. The force is a 14-vehicle convoy with 49 members and was dispatched as a search and rescue team for the Houston area to aide following the destruction. Governor John Kasich and Attorney General Mike DeWine are encouraging people to donate to the relief fund. DeWine added for Ohioans to be conscious of scams and to ensure their relief money is going to the proper channels.

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