



## Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies

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Governor Mike DeWine  
Office of the Governor  
77 South High Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine:

On behalf of the Board of Trustees and the membership of the Ohio Association of Community Action Agencies, I am writing to thank you for the leadership you have shown during the crisis presented to this State and this Nation by the COVID-19 pandemic. This has certainly been a year like no other in our lifetime as it has presented very unique challenges. We want to commend you for your leadership throughout this year and the difficulties presented.

Governing for the good of the whole in a state as diverse as Ohio is not simple. Making decisions which one knows will be criticized by some is not comfortable. But, making those decisions is the definition of leadership. As you certainly know better than I do, you have had to make many decisions over the last several months which were not easy and were not popular. I am sure that some of my members or the people we represent did not agree with all of them. But, having a Governor who is willing to do what he believes is right in these tough times is what we all should be praying for, and you and your administration have done that. Thank you for putting up the good fight on behalf of all Ohioans.

We know this pandemic is far from over. We know there will be more difficult decisions to make. We now thank you in advance for making those, too.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Philip E. Cole".

Philip E. Cole  
Executive Director

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