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COLUMBUS – State Rep. Tracy Maxwell Heard (D- Columbus) highlighted the new website http://www.cutshurtohio.com/" href="http://www.cutshurtohio.com/">www.cutshurtohio.com as a tool to see the effects of historically deep budget cuts to Franklin County and statewide.

"Our communities, schools, and local governments face an ever-growing financial crisis as a result of historically deep budget cuts that have placed an even greater responsibility on local property tax payers. Gov. Kasich and Republican legislators cut $149 million from education

and $133 million from our local government's right here in Franklin County," said Rep. Heard. "This website shows just how bad our communities are hurting."

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