Independent Accountants’ Report

The Honorable Bob Taft, Governor
State of Ohio
Columbus, Ohio

We have audited the accompanying general-purpose financial statements of the State of Ohio, as of and for the year ended June 30, 2001, as listed in the table of contents. These general-purpose financial statements are the responsibility of the State’s management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these general-purpose financial statements based on our audit. We did not audit the financial statements of the following organizations which are a part of the primary government:

- Capitol Square Review and Advisory Board
- Office of the Auditor of State
- Ohio Bureau of Workers’ Compensation and Industrial Commission of Ohio
- Treasurer of State Lease Revenue Bonds
- State Treasury Asset Reserve of Ohio
- Variable College Savings Plan

Also, we did not audit the following component units:

Blended
- Ohio Building Authority
- State Highway Patrol Retirement System

Discretely Presented
- Bowling Green State University
- Miami University
- University of Toledo
- Columbus State Community College
- Ohio State University
- Wright State University
- Cleveland State University
- Ohio University
- Youngstown State University
- Kent State University
- University of Akron
- Medical College of Ohio at Toledo
- University of Cincinnati

In addition, we did not audit the financial statements of the Public Employees Retirement System, Police and Fire Pension Fund, State Teachers Retirement System, and School Employees Retirement System, whose assets are held by the Treasurer of State and are included as part of the State’s trust and agency fund type. These financial statements reflect the following percentages of total assets or liabilities and revenues or additions of the indicated fund types, account groups, and discretely presented component units:

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<th>fund type/account group</th>
<th>percent of total assets/ liabilities</th>
<th>percent of total revenues/additions</th>
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<tr>
<td>Debt Service Fund Type</td>
<td>36%</td>
<td>5%</td>
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<td>Capital Projects Fund Type</td>
<td>1%</td>
<td>1%</td>
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<td>Enterprise Fund Type</td>
<td>91%</td>
<td>50%</td>
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<td>Internal Service Fund Type</td>
<td>28%</td>
<td>10%</td>
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<td>Trust and Agency Fund Type</td>
<td>97%</td>
<td>46%</td>
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<td>General Fixed Assets Account Group</td>
<td>7%</td>
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<td>General Long-Term Obligations Account Group</td>
<td>(57%)</td>
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<td>Discretely Presented Component Units</td>
<td>77%</td>
<td>87%</td>
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The financial statements of these independently audited organizations and the assets of these retirement systems were audited by other auditors whose reports have been furnished to us, and our opinion, insofar as it relates to the financial statements of these independently audited organizations and the amounts of the retirement systems audited by other auditors included in the fund types and account groups comprising the general-purpose financial statements is based solely on the reports of the other auditors.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the general-purpose financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the general-purpose financial statements. An audit also includes assessing the accounting principles used and significant estimates made by management, as well as evaluating the overall financial statement presentation. We believe that our audit and the reports of other auditors provide a reasonable basis for our opinion.

In our opinion, based on our audit and reports of other auditors, the general-purpose financial statements referred to in the first paragraph present fairly, in all material respects, the financial position of the State of Ohio at June 30, 2001, and the results of its operations and the cash flows of its proprietary fund types and discretely presented component unit for the year then ended in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America.

As discussed in Note 2, the State of Ohio adopted the Governmental Accounting Standards Board Statement No. 33 and reclassified the School Facilities Commission as a discreetly presented component unit during the year ended June 30, 2001.

Our audit was made for the purpose of forming an opinion on the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole. The combining financial statements and schedules listed in the table of contents are presented for purposes of additional analysis and are not a required part of the general-purpose financial statements of the State of Ohio. Such information has been subjected to the auditing procedures applied in our audit of the general-purpose financial statements and the other auditors' audits of the various financial statements listed above and, in our opinion, based on our procedures and the procedures of other auditors, is fairly presented in all material respects in relation to the general-purpose financial statements taken as a whole.

We did not audit the data included in the statistical section of this report and therefore, express no opinion thereon.

JIM PETRO
Auditor of State

November 16, 2001