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Greater Ohio Co-Director Speaks to Dayton Rotary

Dayton, OH- Greater Ohio Co-Director Lavea Brachman spoke to more than 100 Dayton Rotary Club members today at the Sinclair Community College Earley Auditorium about the Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative, a joint effort between Greater Ohio and the Brookings Institution. This initiative represents Greater Ohio's top policy issue.

The Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative is a research, policy development and organizing effort, focusing on revitalizing Ohio's core communities and reinvigorating the state's economic competitiveness. The Initiative builds a platform for change that addresses state policy reform in four local drivers of prosperity: infrastructure, workforce, innovation and quality of place. The initial findings and policy recommendations for state action, if adopted, are the building blocks for broader reform that could make Ohio a national model for economic recovery.

Ms. Brachman spoke about the Dayton community's role in engaging in several local economic development practices that align with the Restoring Prosperity Initiative, including leveraging anchor institution, like Tech Town; building on assets, like Dayton's strong aerospace and technological assets; and targeting financial resources into neighborhoods with market potential.

"In this time of economic and fiscal crisis, the state has to commit to targeted, integrated investments in the assets that drive prosperity," said Ms. Brachman. "These assets are concentrated in core communities like Dayton and are exemplified by the Monument Avenue Gateway Project and Dayton's recently announced Ohio Hub of Innovation and Opportunity."

For additional information on the Restoring Prosperity to Ohio Initiative, please visit our website at www.greaterohio.org.

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Greater Ohio (www.greaterohio.org) is the state's "smart growth" organization. We promote – through research, public education and grassroots advocacy – public policy to grow Ohio's economy and improve the state's quality of life through intelligent land use. Toward this end, Greater Ohio works to advance policies and programs that revitalize urban and metropolitan areas, strengthen regional cooperation, and protect Ohio's open space, natural resources and farmland. We are non-partisan, non-profit, and foundation-funded. Greater Ohio's office is located in Columbus, Ohio.