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LEGISLATION INTRODUCED TODAY TO COMBAT UNDERAGE DRINKING

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Columbus – U.S. Senator Mike DeWine and other members of Congress today announced a bill that would support efforts in Ohio and the nation to reduce underage drinking. The “STOP Underage Drinking Act” is an important response to the National Academy of Sciences, Institute of Medicine (IOM) report made to Congress last September.

Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth has been actively involved in the reduction of underage drinking since its inception in 1987. Ohio Parents for Drug Free Youth has been a state and national leader with initiatives to develop grassroots community coalitions, reduce youth exposure to alcohol advertising, and reduce college high-risk drinking – which was cited in the IOM report.

We applaud Senator DeWine and his colleagues for their efforts to provide more resources to local communities to combat the number one drug problem among our youth.

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