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Auditor Stinziano Announces First Policy Priorities

COLUMBUS, Ohio – Franklin County Auditor Michael Stinziano announced Tuesday that his campaign would not ask for or accept financial contributions from auditor's office staff. The new policy, which has been in effect since he took office March 11, seeks to promote a transparent and supportive office environment for employees.

"It is critical that as civil servants you feel empowered to do your job without any pressure to make a financial contribution to me or my campaign committee," Stinziano said in a memo to staff announcing the policy. "This reflects my commitment to an independent and transparent office and will allow all employees to be comfortable as we serve the public."

Any contributions from employees will be returned immediately under the new policy. Stinziano also announced that he will be establishing an employee committee to offer input to any additional, forthcoming ethics and employee policies and training sessions.

The new policy comes as Stinziano seeks to lead an office that is transparent, accountable, accessible, and offers excellent public service for the people of Franklin County.

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