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## **Representatives DeGeeter and Foley recognized for work to protect consumers during lame-duck session**

(Columbus, Ohio)

Local members of The Ohio House of Representatives Tim DeGeeter( Parma D-15) and Mike Foley (Cleveland D-14) received the 2007 Academy Appreciation Award at the Annual Justice Now Convention in Columbus this Friday, May 11, 2007, for their efforts in promoting the consumer's voice during the lame-duck session of the 126<sup>th</sup> General Assembly.

“This award is a great honor. But more importantly, it signifies the efforts many have made toward better consumer safety, quality and protection for every Ohioan, regardless of economic status,” Rep. Degeeter stated.

Outnumbered by the Republican majority on the House Judiciary Committee in December, both Rep. DeGeeter and Rep. Foley worked long hours with consumer groups to oppose SB117. As a result of these efforts, the vote on SB 117 was delayed, which then allowed for a veto by Gov. Strickland.

“SB 117 was a terrible piece of legislation and I will continue in the future to work to stop and prevent legislation that doesn't protect consumers or hold manufacturers responsible,” said Rep. Foley.

SB 117 would have altered the Consumer Sales Practices Act and given immunity to lead-based paint manufacturers.

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