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Trumbull County Agricultural Society Trumbull County 899 Everett Hull Road Cortland, Ohio 44410

To the Board of Directors:

As you are aware, the Auditor of State's Office (AOS) must modify the *Independent Accountants' Report* we provide on your financial statements due to an interpretation from the American Institute of Certified Public Accountants (AICPA). While AOS does not legally require your government to prepare financial statements pursuant to Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (GAAP), the AICPA interpretation requires auditors to formally acknowledge that you did not prepare your financial statements in accordance with GAAP. Our Report includes an adverse opinion relating to GAAP presentation and measurement requirements, but does not imply the amounts the statements present are misstated under the non-GAAP basis you follow. The AOS report also includes an opinion on the financial statements you prepared using the cash basis and financial statement format the AOS permits.

Dave Yost Auditor of State

August 30, 2012

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## INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT

Trumbull County Agricultural Society Trumbull County 899 Everett Hull Road Cortland, Ohio 44410

To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the accompanying financial statements of Trumbull County Agricultural Society, Trumbull County, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010. These financial statements are the responsibility of the Society's management. Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit.

We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to reasonably assure whether the financial statements are free of material misstatement. An audit includes examining, on a test basis, evidence supporting the amounts and disclosures in the 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 our audit provides a reasonable basis for our opinion.

As described more fully in Note 1, the Society has prepared these financial statements using accounting practices the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. These practices differ from accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America (GAAP). Although we cannot reasonably determine the effects on the financial statements of the variances between these regulatory accounting practices and GAAP, we presume they are material.

Instead of the combined funds the accompanying financial statements present, GAAP require presenting entity wide statements and also presenting the Society's larger (i.e. major) funds separately. While the Society does not follow GAAP, generally accepted auditing standards requires us to include the following paragraph if the statements do not substantially conform to GAAP presentation requirements. The Auditor of State permits, but does not require Governments to reformat their statements. The Society has elected not to follow GAAP statement formatting requirements. The following paragraph does not imply the amounts reported are materially misstated under the accounting basis the Auditor of State permits. Our opinion on the fair presentation of the amounts reported pursuant to its non-GAAP basis is in the second following paragraph.

In our opinion, because of the effects of the matter discussed in the preceding two paragraphs, the financial statements referred to above for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 do not present fairly, in conformity with accounting principles generally accepted in the United States of America, the financial position of the Society as of November 30, 2011 and 2010, or its changes in financial position for the years then ended.

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Also, in our opinion, the financial statements referred to above present fairly, in all material respects, the cash balances as of November 30, 2011 and 2010 of Trumbull County Agricultural Society, Trumbull County, and its cash receipts and disbursements for the years then ended on the accounting basis Note 1 describes.

In accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*, we have also issued our report dated August 30, 2012, on our consideration of the Society's internal control over financial reporting and our tests of its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts and grant agreements and other matters. While we did not opine on the internal control over financial reporting or on compliance, that report describes the scope of our testing of internal control over financial reporting and compliance, and the results of that testing. That report is an integral part of an audit performed in accordance with *Government Auditing Standards*. You should read it in conjunction with this report in assessing the results of our audit.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

August 30, 2012

### STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS, DISBURSEMENTS, AND CHANGE IN CASH BALANCES FOR THE YEARS ENDED NOVEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2010

	2011	2010
Operating Receipts:	<b>\$007 700</b>	
Admissions	\$397,792	\$382,442
Privilege Fees	78,817	92,241
Rentals	61,137	58,035
Other Operating Receipts	50,982	67,574
Total Operating Receipts	588,728	600,292
Operating Disbursements:		
Wages and Benefits	68,456	73,397
Utilities	35,766	29,154
Professional Services	181,502	145,215
Equipment and Grounds Maintenance	78,440	79,017
Senior Fair	23,539	23,616
Junior Fair	17,822	15,373
Capital Outlay	68,648	49,188
Other Operating Disbursements	148,643	169,218
Total Operating Disbursements	622,816	584,178
Excess (Deficiency) of Operating Receipts		
Over (Under) Operating Disbursements	(34,088)	16,114
Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements):		
State Support	5,748	6,152
County Support	25,000	25,000
Sale of Assets	17,295	1,200
Donations/Contributions	0.40	
Investment Income	943	4,162
Debt Service	(36)	(35)
Net Non-Operating Receipts (Disbursements)	48,950	36,479
Excess (Deficiency) of Receipts Over (Under) Disbursements	14,862	52,593
Cash Balance, Beginning of Year	297,475	244,882
Cash Balance, End of Year	\$312,337	\$297,475

The notes to the financial statement are an integral part of this statement.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOVEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2010

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES

#### A. Description of the Entity

The constitution and laws of the State of Ohio establish the rights and privileges of the Trumbull County Agricultural Society, Trumbull County, (the Society) as a body corporate and politic. The Society is a county agricultural society corporation formed under Chapter 1711 of the Ohio Revised Code. The Society was founded in 1846 to operate an annual agricultural fair. The Society sponsors the week-long Trumbull County Fair during July. Trumbull County is not financially accountable for the Society. The Board of Directors manages the Society. The Board is made up of fifteen directors serving staggered three-year terms. Society members elect Board members from its membership. Members of the Society must be residents of Trumbull County and pay an annual membership fee to the Society.

#### **Reporting Entity**

The reporting entity includes all activity occurring on the fairgrounds. Other year round activities at the fairgrounds including facility rental, track and stall rental, and community events including demolition derbies. The reporting entity does not include any other activities or entities of Trumbull County, Ohio.

Notes 4 and 5, respectively, summarize the Junior Fair Board's and Junior Livestock Sale Committee's financial activity.

The Society's management believes this financial statement presents all activities for which the Society is financially accountable.

#### B. Accounting Basis

These financial statements follow the accounting basis the Auditor of State prescribes or permits. This basis is similar to the cash receipts and disbursements accounting basis. The Society recognizes receipts when received in cash rather than when earned, and recognizes disbursements when paid rather than when a liability is incurred.

These statements include adequate disclosure of material matters, as the Auditor of State prescribes or permits.

#### C. Deposits and Investments

The Society's accounting basis includes investments as assets. This basis does not record disbursements for investment purchases or receipts for investment sales. This basis records gains or losses at the time of sale as receipts or disbursements, respectively.

#### D. Property, Plant, and Equipment

The Society records disbursements for acquisitions of property, plant, and equipment when paid. The accompanying financial statements do not report these items as assets.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOVEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 1. SUMMARY OF SIGNIFICANT ACCOUNTING POLICIES - (Continued)

#### E. Income Tax Status

The Society is a not-for-profit organization, exempt from income taxes under Section 501(c) (3) of the Internal Revenue Code. The Society is not a private foundation within the meaning of Section 509 (a). Contributions to the Society are deductible per Section 170(b)(1)(A)(v1). Management is unaware of any actions or events that would jeopardize the Society's tax status.

#### 2. DEPOSITS AND INVESTMENTS

The Ohio Revised Code prescribes allowable deposits and investments. The carrying amount of deposits and investments at November 30, 2011 and 2010 was as follows:

	2011	2010
Demand deposits	\$28,652	\$23,326
Certificates of deposit	50,000	
Money Market Account	233,685	274,149
Total deposits	312,337	297,475
Total deposits and investments	\$312,337	\$297,475

**Deposits:** Deposits are insured by the Federal Depository Insurance Corporation or collateralized by the financial institution's public entity deposit pool.

#### 3. RISK MANAGEMENT

The Society provides health coverage for full-time, supervisory employees through an insurance company.

The Trumbull County Commissioners provide general insurance coverage for all the buildings on the Trumbull County Fairgrounds pursuant to Ohio Revised Code § 1711.24. A private company provides general liability and vehicle insurance, with limits of \$2,000,000 and \$2,000,000 aggregate. This policy includes crime coverage for employee dishonesty with limits of liability of \$2,000,000. The Society's Financial Secretary is bonded with coverage of \$20,000.

The Society provides workers compensation coverage on all employees through the State of Ohio workers compensation fund. Coverage is currently in effect through August 2012.

#### NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS NOVEMBER 30, 2011 AND 2010 (Continued)

#### 4. JUNIOR FAIR BOARD

The Junior Fair Board, which is comprised of 4-H, FFA, Boy Scout, Girl Scout, and Farm Bureau Youth organization representatives, is responsible for the Junior Fair Division activities of the Trumbull County Fair. The Society disbursed \$17,822 and\$15,373 directly to vendors to support Junior Fair activities in 2011 and 2010. These expenses are reflected as a disbursement in the accompanying financial statement as Junior Fair Disbursement. Trumbull paid the Society \$25,000 in both 2011 and 2010 to support Junior Club work. The Junior Fair Board accounts for its activities separately. These accompanying financial statements do not include this activity. The Junior Fair Board's financial activity for the year ended November 30 follows:

	2	2011		2010	
Beginning Cash Balance		1866		1339	
Receipts	2533		1633		
Disbursements	(3,330)		(1,106)		
Ending Cash Balance	\$	1,069	\$	1,866	

### 5. JUNIOR LIVESTOCK SALE COMMITTEE

The Junior Livestock Committee is a separate committee charged with running the Junior Livestock Auction. This auction is held during fair week. Children may sell their animals directly to market or through the Trumbull County's auction. A commission of 3.5 percent on auction sales covers auction costs. The Junior Livestock Committee retains this money. The accompanying financial statement does not include the Junior Livestock Committee's activities. The Junior Livestock Committee's financial activity for the year ended November 30 follows:

2010			2011
\$	5,758	\$	5,451
	355,640		204,936
	(355,947)		(206,092)
\$	5,451	\$	4,295
	\$	\$ 5,758 355,640 (355,947)	\$5,758 355,640 (355,947)



### INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANTS' REPORT ON INTERNAL CONTROL OVER FINANCIAL REPORTING AND ON COMPLIANCE AND OTHER MATTERS REQUIRED BY *GOVERNMENT AUDITING STANDARDS*

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To the Board of Directors:

We have audited the financial statements of the Trumbull County Agricultural Society, Trumbull County, (the Society) as of and for the years ended November 30, 2011 and 2010 and have issued our report thereon dated August 30, 2012. We conducted our audit in accordance with auditing standards generally accepted in the United States of America and the standards applicable to financial audits contained in the Comptroller General of the United States' *Government Auditing Standards*.

## Internal Control Over Financial Reporting

In planning and performing our audit, we considered the Society's internal control over financial reporting as a basis for designing our audit procedures for the purpose of expressing our opinion on the financial statements, but not for the purpose of opining on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting. Accordingly, we have not opined on the effectiveness of the Society's internal control over financial reporting.

A *deficiency in internal control* exists when the design or operation of a control does not allow management or employees, when performing their assigned functions, to prevent, or detect and timely correct misstatements. A *material weakness* is a deficiency, or combination of internal control deficiencies resulting in more than a reasonable possibility that a material misstatement of the Society's financial statements will not be prevented, or detected and timely corrected.

Our consideration of internal control over financial reporting was for the limited purpose described in the first paragraph of this section and was not designed to identify all deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that might be deficiencies, significant deficiencies or material weaknesses. We did not identify any deficiencies in internal control over financial reporting that we consider material weaknesses, as defined above.

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#### **Compliance and Other Matters**

As part of reasonably assuring whether the Society's financial statements are free of material misstatement, we tested its compliance with certain provisions of laws, regulations, contracts, and grant agreements, noncompliance with which could directly and materially affect the determination of financial statement amounts. However, providing an opinion on compliance with those provisions was not an objective of our audit and accordingly, we do not express an opinion. The results of our tests disclosed no instances of noncompliance or other matters we must report under *Government Auditing Standards*.

We intend this report solely for the information and use of management, the audit committee, and the Board of Directors. We intend it for no one other than these specified parties.

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Dave Yost Auditor of State

August 30, 2012



## TRUMBULL COUNTY AGRICULTURAL SOCIETY

## TRUMBULL COUNTY

CLERK'S CERTIFICATION This is a true and correct copy of the report which is required to be filed in the Office of the Auditor of State pursuant to Section 117.26, Revised Code, and which is filed in Columbus, Ohio.

Susan Babbett

**CLERK OF THE BUREAU** 

CERTIFIED OCTOBER 16, 2012

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