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Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson

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**LT. GOVERNOR TESTIFIES BEFORE BALLOT BOARD ON JOBS
FOR OHIO BOND INITIATIVE**

Johnson also thanks Ohio Chamber of Commerce for endorsement of Issue 1

COLUMBUS – Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson today testified before the Ohio Ballot Board on the importance of the proposed Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative. The nonpartisan Ohio Ballot Board determines what language will be placed on the ballot. Following Johnson’s testimony, the Board voted to certify the language as drafted.

“Through additional investment, State Issue 1 will assist the private sector in creating more jobs and stimulating our economy,” said Johnson. “It will ensure economic development opportunities for all Ohioans by making more investment available for public infrastructure, job ready sites, research, and the development of new technologies.”

The Jobs Bond Initiative was recently placed on the November ballot with overwhelming bipartisan support, passing 84-7 in the Ohio House of Representative and unanimously in the Ohio Senate. It is expected to have a far-reaching, positive impact on Ohio cities, rural communities and many industry sectors. The \$2 billion initiative funds three important measures to stimulate economic growth in Ohio, including \$1.35 billion over the next ten years for traditional infrastructure, \$500 million over seven years for technology infrastructure and \$150 million over seven years for the creation of job ready sites.

“This initiative is about investing in the infrastructure of today and tomorrow to help grow Ohio’s economy and create the jobs of the future,” said Johnson. “It will provide much needed resources to bring new products to market, recruit world-class researchers, and support existing companies and start-up enterprises through investment in public infrastructure.”

Later in the day, Johnson took time to thank the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, which today announced its endorsement of the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative. Johnson had spoken with the group last week. “I am pleased the Ohio Chamber understands the importance of this issue and appreciate their support of the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative.”

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