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LT. GOVERNOR VISITS MANSFIELD, TOUTS OHIO JOBS BOND ISSUE

MANSFIELD -- Lieutenant Governor Bruce Johnson today addressed manufacturers and community leaders from Mansfield and Richland County regarding the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative, which will appear on the November ballot as State Issue 1. If passed by voters, the bond package will expand funding for traditional infrastructure, such as roads and bridges, and for high-tech job creation and research and development.

“Through this additional investment, State Issue 1 will assist in creating more jobs for Ohio workers and will stimulate our economy,” said Johnson. “By making the investment to improve public infrastructure, create job ready sites and further the research and development of new technologies, Issue 1 will enable more firms to invest and grow in Ohio in the future.”

The Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative was placed on the November ballot with overwhelming bipartisan support. Former United States Senator John Glenn has been selected to chair the bipartisan campaign effort, which has been endorsed by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Farm Bureau, and the Ohio Chapter of the AFL-CIO.

“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 the 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.”

The \$2 billion initiative funds three important measures to stimulate economic growth in Ohio, including \$1.35 billion over the next 10 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.

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