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**Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson**

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**LT. GOVERNOR VISIT TO SPRINGFIELD FOCUSES ON ECONOMY, ISSUE 1**

Springfield – Lt. Governor Johnson today addressed Clark County business and community leaders about the ongoing effort to improve Ohio’s economy and the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative’s role in that effort.

“Through tort reform, tax reform and increased marketing efforts, we are showing the world that Ohio Means Business,” said Johnson, who also serves as state development director. “The next step is to 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.”

Johnson told the audience that the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative, Issue 1 on the November 8 ballot, provides the comprehensive infrastructure necessary for today’s economy. The \$2 billion initiative funds three measures; \$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. “Without raising taxes, Issue 1 ensures local governments can continue building the roads, bridges and water systems that are important to their community, while allowing the state to build upon a technology infrastructure that will attract good jobs in the knowledge economy,” said Johnson.

In Clark County alone, the Public Works Commission has provided more than \$31 million in funding resulting in \$66 million in projects being constructed, including the 1998 widening and improvement of a 3-mile section of Leffel Lane, providing additional roadway capacity and enhancing development opportunities around the I-70/SR 72 exit, the primary southern entrance into the City of Springfield.

In addition to being placed on the ballot with overwhelming bipartisan support, Issue 1 has been endorsed by numerous organizations, including the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, the Ohio Farm Bureau, and the Ohio Chapter of the AFL-CIO. Local supporters include the Clark County Commissioners, the Springfield-Clark County Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce, the Dayton Development Coalition, Jeff Johnson, Executive Director, Community Improvement Corporation of Springfield/Clark County, State Representative Merle Grace Kearns, and State Representative Chris Widener.

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