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LT. GOVERNOR JOINS WITH LOCAL OFFICIALS TO SUPPORT ISSUE 1

TOLEDO – Lt. Governor Johnson today joined numerous local officials, including Mayor Jack Ford and U.S. Representative Marcy Kaptur, in showing support for State Issue 1, the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative. Nearly a dozen local leaders voiced their support for the issue during a press conference at the City of Toledo Waste Water Treatment Plant.

“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.”

According to Johnson, 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 Lucas County alone, the Public Works Commission has provided nearly \$116 million in funding resulting in nearly \$355 million in projects being constructed. Northwest Ohio has also been an active participant in the Third Frontier Project, with more than \$7.4 million in awards going to area companies and universities. In Northwest Ohio, a total of 18 companies and three universities are involved in a dozen Third Frontier projects.

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. Locally, the mayors of Toledo, Oregon, Sylvania, Maumee and Waterville are supporting the issue as are Marilyn Yoder, president of the Lucas County Township Trustee Association, State Representatives Peter Ujvagi, Mark Wagoner and Jeanine Perry, State Senator Teresa Fedor and Lucas County Commissioner Pete Gerken.

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