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Lt. Governor Bruce Johnson

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LT. GOVERNOR VISIT TO CAMBRIDGE FOCUSES ON ECONOMY, ISSUE 1

Cambridge – Lt. Governor Johnson today joined local elected and business leaders to emphasize the importance of the Jobs for Ohio Bond Initiative in Southeast Ohio and across the state.

“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.

Since its inception in 1987, public works dollars have funded more than 10,200 projects totaling more than \$2.4 billion, leveraging more than \$5.25 billion in local construction projects. In Guernsey County alone, the Public Works Commission has provided more than \$11 million in funding, resulting in over \$31 million in projects being constructed.

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. In addition to today’s participants, local supporters include the Guernsey County Commissioners and County Port Authority.

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