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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES ROADWORK DEVELOPMENT
GRANT TO CREATE 120 NEW JOBS, RETAIN 442**

CONTROLLING BOARD ACTION TO SUPPORT WEST JEFFERSON DEVELOPMENT PROJECT

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R—Springfield) today announced that the State Controlling Board has approved the release of a \$750,000 Roadwork Development Grant to support the Target Corporation expansion project in the Village of West Jefferson.

“It is critical for us to continue to do everything we can to enable private sector job creation in Ohio,” Widener said. “Target’s commitment to job creation in Madison County is a great development in the ongoing effort to bring jobs back to this state.”

Target has committed to creating 120 new, full-time jobs and retaining 442 existing, at-risk full-time jobs with average hourly wages of \$16.00 as a result of the project. Target will also be investing \$115 million for machinery, equipment, building construction, and land.

The State’s commitment of \$750,000 through Roadwork Development Grant assistance represents approximately 41.6 percent of eligible project costs, and the Village of West Jefferson has committed to funding the balance of the public roadwork improvement costs. This funding will provide for the extension of State Route 29 to create an access point to the proposed project site.

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Senator Chris Widener serves the people of the 10th Senate District, which includes Clark, Greene and Madison counties. He is chairman of the Senate Finance Committee, and a member of the Senate Ways & Means & Economic Development, Government Oversight & Reform, and Rules & Reference committees.