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WIDENER ANNOUNCES 680 JOBS CREATED STATEWIDE

4 PROJECTS CONNECTED TO WIDENER'S DISTRICT TO CREATE 249 JOBS AND SAVE 848

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that economic development loans and assistance were approved for 12 projects throughout the state that will create 680 new jobs and retain or save 1,707 additional jobs, including 22 new positions at Tech II in Springfield.

“Local investments in companies like Tech II, Intelligrated, and Garlick are helping create new opportunities for the region and the state,” said Widener, who is a member of Development Financing Advisory Council (DFAC). “While we are not out of the woods yet, these 680 new jobs are a step in the right direction for Ohio’s economy.”

A total of \$26,219,500 in assistance was approved by DFAC today; these funds will leverage \$19,276,300 in matching funds from private sector and local government partners for a total economic investment of \$45,495,800. A total of 680 new jobs will be created and more than 1,700 saved.

Locally, Springfield-based Tech II will receive an \$800,000 loan to create 22 new positions and to enhance food product container manufacturing capabilities at their headquarters. Tech II specializes in high volume plastic packaging for the food industry; the company provides packaging to most major food companies, including Nestle, ConAgra, and Campbell Soup.

Other projects with a regional connection include \$8,000,000 in loans to Intelligrated, Inc. for a new headquarters in Mason, Ohio. Intelligrated, which operates a manufacturing facility in Madison County, will create 200 new jobs and retain an additional 800 in Warren County. Additionally, Cleveland-based Garick, LLC will receive an \$800,000 loan to create 26 new positions and retain 43 jobs in Cleveland. Garick, a leading manufacturer of natural resources products, operates a processing plant in South Charleston, Ohio.

In other actions, DFAC approved a change of scope request for Ohio Stamping & Machine, LLC in Springfield. Earlier this year DFAC approved a \$1,000,000 loan to OSMI that will create 10 new jobs and save 37 more.

The Development Financing Advisory Council plays a vital role in job creation and retention by approving loans for companies that are looking to relocate or expand in Ohio. Loans and other assistance approved by DFAC will require final authorization from the Controlling Board, of which Senator Widener is also a member.

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.