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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES STATE ACTION TO RESULT IN 552
NEW JOBS LOCALLY**

*THIRTY-ONE GIFTS, EDEN CRYOGENICS, AND TECH II TO CREATE JOBS IN CLARK AND
MADISON COUNTIES*

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced state Controlling Board approval of economic development loans and assistance for three companies operating in Clark and Madison Counties. As a result, Thirty-One Gifts, Eden Cryogenics, and Tech II will create 552 new jobs and retain an additional 23 at-risk jobs.

“With the recent encouraging trends in Ohio’s unemployment rate, it is more important than ever for us to remain vigilant in promoting job creation and economic development opportunities,” said Widener, who is a member of Controlling Board, “We must continue to work to enable companies like Thirty-One Gifts, Eden Cryogenics, and Tech II to put Ohio citizens back to work and get Ohio’s economy moving again.”

Thirty-One Gifts will receive a \$250,000 Rapid Outreach Grant to support the acquisition and installation of new machinery for the company’s expansion project in Springfield. As a result of the project, Thirty-One Gifts will create 500 new jobs with average hourly wages of \$10.88. Thirty-One Gifts is one of the fastest growing direct-selling companies in the country and is the leading direct-selling brand of exclusive handbags, fashion accessories, totes and organizational solutions.

Eden Cryogenics will receive a \$25,000 Legacy Grant to assist with the company’s expansion project in Plain City and create 30 new, full-time jobs with average hourly wages of \$19.50. The company will also retain 23 existing, at-risk, full-time jobs. Eden Cryogenics manufactures custom cryogenic piping, valves, connectors, and vacuums incorporating design data to meet the requirements necessary in industrial and aerospace facilities.

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.

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

Systems, based in Xenia Ohio, was awarded a \$140,750 contract with the Ohio Secretary of State's office for enhancements to the state's voter registration database.

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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.