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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES CONTROLLING BOARD  
APPROVAL OF ALMOST 40 NEW JOBS**

*COMPANY EXPANSION SPURS ECONOMIC RECOVERY INITIATIVES*

*COLUMBUS*—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that the State Controlling Board has approved the release of \$7.8 million to seepex Inc. (SI) for the construction of an additional 63,000 square feet to the existing Enon facility and the creation of 38 new jobs.

“It is encouraging to see companies like seepex continuing to thrive in our current economy,” said Widener, who is also a member of the Controlling Board. “My focus in the Legislature continues to be finding opportunities to bring stable, high-paying jobs to the community, and supporting the revitalization of our state’s economy.”

SI designs, manufactures, sells and services progressive cavity screw pumps, which move viscous products, such as yogurt, waste water sludge and crude oil. SI has committed to create 38 new, full-time jobs with average hourly wages of \$17.21 and will retain an additional 69 full-time jobs as a result of the project.

Specifically, \$2 million will be released from the Facilities Establishment Fund for a direct loan, and \$5.8 million will be released from the Facilities Establishment Fund for an Ohio Enterprise Bond Fund loan. The company will be responsible for a contribution of \$930,000, for a total investment of \$8.7 million. The project was previously approved at a Development Financing Advisory Council meeting, on which Senator Widener also sits.

Additionally, the Controlling Board approved \$180,198 to be released to the Xenia Readiness Center for masonry repairs to exterior walls that bear imminent hazard of collapse. In early April, at the request of the state Adjutant General’s Department, the Director of Administrative Services declared a public exigency for the repairs.

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*Senator Chris Widener serves the people of the 10<sup>th</sup> 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.*