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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES CONTROLLING BOARD ACTION TO  
RESULT IN AT LEAST 25 NEW JOBS IN XENIA**

*CLEAN OHIO GRANT FUNDS TO HELP CLEAN-UP BROWNFIELD AND CREATE JOBS*

COLUMBUS—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that the Controlling Board has approved a \$1.98 million Clean Ohio grant to the City of Xenia for demolition and remediation activities at the former Hooven and Allison Cordage Company site.

“This Clean Ohio grant is good news for Xenia, and it will result in at least twenty-five new jobs for the community,” Widener said. “These high-paying, highly-skilled jobs in biofuels production are a welcome addition for the local economy and represent the type of high-tech, advanced jobs Ohio needs to return to economic prosperity.”

The City of Xenia will receive \$1.98 million to demolish and remediate the former Hooven and Allison Cordage Company property located at 677 Cincinnati Avenue. Following remediation, Xenex BioFuels, LLC will invest \$52 million to develop a portion of the site into a state-of-the-art biofuels production center. The new facility is expected to produce 20 million gallons of biodiesel each year and create at least 25 new jobs with average hourly wages of \$37.50.

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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.*