



**Senator Chris Widener**  
**10<sup>th</sup> Ohio Senate District**

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**PRESS RELEASE**

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**WIDENER ANNOUNCES RELEASE OF \$350,000 TO  
FUND LOCAL UNIVERSITY SAFETY UPGRADES**  
*CAMPUS SECURITY NOTED AS A PRIORITY FOR RENOVATIONS*

*COLUMBUS*—State Senator Chris Widener (R- Springfield) today announced that the State Controlling Board has approved projects to uphold safety standards and fund renovations at Wright State University and Central State University.

“A vital part of improving our higher education system is ensuring a safe learning environment for students,” said Widener, who is also a member of the Controlling Board. “As the father of a college-aged child, I certainly am comforted to know that our state’s universities abide by such high safety standards. I am happy to see that our local universities are making strides to keep all students in safe hands.”

Specifically, Wright State was approved for a total of \$322,558 to complete basic safety upgrades for university elevators. A 2003-2004 study of the campus facilities found major deficiencies in up to 35 elevators across campus.

Central State University was granted a release of \$25,000 to complete work related to HVAC and security systems renovations. The funds will be applied to projects in Wesley Hall and to updates for the entire campus security system.

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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.*