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**PATTON URGES SUPPORT FOR RESOLUTION DECLARING APRIL AS
“PRIMARY IMMUNODEFICIENCY AWARENESS MONTH”**

COLUMBUS— State Senator Tom Patton (R- Strongsville) appeared before the Senate Health, Human Services and Aging Committee on Wednesday to urge support for Senate Concurrent Resolution 6, which would declare April 2011 as Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month in Ohio.

Patton noted in his testimony that primary immunodeficiency disorders are estimated to affect as many as 250,000 people in the U.S. They occur when part of the body’s immune system is absent or does not function properly, and result in a person being more susceptible to infection. He introduced Senate Concurrent Resolution 6 after learning about the issue from a constituent from his district.

“People with primary immunodeficiency disorders endure recurrent health problems and can develop serious and debilitating illnesses,” Patton said. “Making April Primary Immunodeficiency Awareness Month will help educate healthcare professionals as well as the public about these disorders so we can better understand them, find their cause and provide therapies to those affected.”