

## State Issue 1 – Argument FOR

May 6, 2014

A YES vote on Issue 1, the State Capital Improvements bond issue, will continue a program that has been in place since 1987 and help support the completion of badly needed road, bridge, sewer and other infrastructure projects in local Ohio communities, with no increase in taxes.

- **ISSUE 1 BRINGS NEEDED REPAIRS.** To keep us safe and to maintain our quality of life, local communities need our help to fix deteriorating roads, bridges and other facilities. Issue 1 renews a highly successful 27-year-old program to help local governments afford these vital improvements.
- **ISSUE 1 IS A TRIED AND TRUE SUCCESS FOR OHIO.** First authorized in 1987, it has been renewed by voters twice, in 1995 and 2005.
- **ALL 88 COUNTIES BENEFIT, AND THOUSANDS OF JOBS ARE CREATED.** All 88 Ohio counties have benefited from more than 11,500 grants for vital local projects. Issue 1 will mean thousands more projects will be completed, and an estimated 35,000 jobs will continue to be created. An objective grant allocation process assures fairness so that communities both large and small receive funding.
- **NO INCREASE IN TAXES.** Funds to repay project bonds are already built into state budget planning, so Issue 1 has NO increase in taxes. And Ohio's strong finances and excellent bond ratings make possible a modest increase in funding for these capital improvements. Issue 1 also reduces pressure to raise local government taxes.
- **BIPARTISAN SUPPORT.** Democrats and Republicans, organized labor and businesses, and Ohioans from all walks of life join in bipartisan support for Issue 1. The vote in the Senate to put Issue 1 on the ballot was 31-0, and the vote in the House was 90-2.

Issue 1 is a proven, affordable program that's good for our local communities. Help build stronger Ohio communities and create jobs by voting YES on Issue 1.