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SCHAFFER ANNOUNCES STATE GRANT FOR ANCHOR HOCKING

COLUMBUS – State Senator Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) today announced that the state Controlling Board approved a \$250,000 Rapid Outreach Grant for Anchor Hocking. The funds assist the company with the purchase of new machinery, as well as lead to the creation of 125 new full-time positions.

Schaffer wrote a letter of support for the grant to each member of the Controlling Board. “I am proud to support this release of state funds,” Schaffer said. “It was important that the members of the Controlling Board know how important Anchor Hocking is to Fairfield County, and Ohio as a whole.”

Founded in 1905, Anchor Hocking is a leading designer, manufacturer and marketer of glass tableware to consumers, food service and consumer industries. Today’s release will allow the company to run a new stemware production line, as well as update and expand current operations.

“Essential to the economic vitality of the local community, today’s investment in Anchor Hocking works to ensure that a proud tradition continues for years to come,” Schaffer said.

Earlier this year, Senator Schaffer supported \$10 million in state loans for Anchor Hocking. The state support is helping the company expand production by bringing two furnaces, which had been shut down for years, back online.

“This continued support from the state is not only working to create new job opportunities, but it is also ensuring that existing jobs at the company remain,” Schaffer noted.

Administered by the Ohio Department of Development, Rapid Outreach Grants are designed to assist companies and communities that are creating and retaining jobs in Ohio.