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Schaffer Praises Buckeye Lake Amendments in Budget Bill

State Representative Tim Schaffer (R-Lancaster) praised the inclusion of two amendments to help Buckeye Lake in the latest version of House Bill 64, the state biennial budget bill.

One of the amendments, backed by Schaffer and others, appropriates \$10 million to accelerate the timeframe of rehabilitation of the dam.

“Most people agree that repairs need to be done to the dam. Now that the decision has been made, we need to get this project moving as soon as possible in order to reduce the timeframe needed for repairs,” Schaffer said. “We cannot afford to waste time because the business owners and residents of Buckeye Lake cannot afford to wait longer than needed.”

The second amendment, authored by Schaffer, appropriates \$1 million over two years to create a tourism campaign to attract business and visitors to Buckeye Lake during the rehab process.

“Tourism is the biggest source of economic activity in the Buckeye Lake region,” Schaffer pointed out. “Although activity will most likely be reduced bit during the repair process, we need to make it clear that Buckeye Lake is open for business and still has much to offer.”

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State Representative Tim Schaffer was elected to the Ohio House in 2014 after serving in the Ohio Senate for eight years. He previously served in the House from 2001-2006. His legislative accomplishments include enacting anti-corruption reforms, income tax indexing, and stronger penalties on sexual predators. He serves as Chairman of the House Committee on Public Utilities. He and his wife reside in Lancaster. For more information, please visit <http://OhioHouse.gov/tim-schaffer>