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Fairfield County Commissioners Vote to Support Issue 2, Urging Renewal of State Capital Improvement Program

LANCASTER, OH – The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners has officially voted to support State Issue 2, which will appear on the May 6 ballot, urging residents to vote in favor of renewing the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP). This long-standing program provides critical funding for local infrastructure projects, including roads, bridges, water systems, and wastewater treatment facilities—without raising taxes.

Since its creation in 1987, SCIP has provided over \$7 billion in grants and low-interest loans to local governments in all 88 Ohio counties. These funds help ensure that communities can maintain safe roadways, upgrade aging infrastructure, and support economic development without relying solely on local tax dollars.

“The State Capital Improvement Program is a lifeline for Ohio’s counties, including Fairfield County,” said Jeremiah Upp, Fairfield County Engineer. “Renewing this program means continuing to invest in the roads, bridges, and water systems that our residents rely on every day. This funding has helped improve safety, attract business, and protect public health—without raising taxes.”

The current SCIP authorization is set to expire July 1, 2025. A YES vote on Issue 2 would renew the program, preventing a funding gap that could delay crucial infrastructure projects across Ohio. Voters have overwhelmingly renewed this program three times in the past, recognizing its impact on local communities.

In Fairfield County, SCIP has funded projects such as road improvements, bridge repairs, water system upgrades, ensuring that residents, businesses, and first responders have access to safe and reliable infrastructure. The Fairfield County Board of Commissioners joins the Strong Ohio Communities coalition in advocating for a YES vote on May 6.

“The renewal of SCIP is not just about roads and bridges—it’s about keeping Ohio’s communities strong,” said Commissioner Jeff Fix. “We urge voters to support Issue 2 and continue this vital investment in our future.”

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For more information about the State Capital Improvement Program and Issue 2, visit

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Founded in 1800 (three years before Ohio became a State), Fairfield County was the 8th county formed in the Northwest Territory. Today, more than 900 employees serve, connect, and protect the more than 158,000 citizens of Fairfield County, providing high-quality services and outstanding customer service at exceptional value to taxpayers. Fairfield County fosters economic and fiscal sustainability and works to enhance the County's reputation as a high performing, learning, and caring organization. For more information about the county, its services and employment opportunities, please visit <https://www.co.fairfield.oh.us/>

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