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ISSUE 1 – OHIO THIRD FRONTIER BACKED BY CCAO BOARD

The CCAO Board of Trustees voted to endorse Issue 1, a statewide measure on the May 4 primary ballot that will renew the highly successful Ohio Third Frontier initiative. The Ohio Third Frontier is an economic development and jobs program launched in 2002 that has created more than 48,000 new jobs, helped launch 571 new companies, supported expansion of existing companies and generated \$6.6 billion in economic activity across Ohio.

A partnership involving state government, private industry, higher education and a variety of other research and nonprofit organizations, the Ohio Third Frontier program makes targeted investments in promising industries, technologies, small businesses and entrepreneurs that show promise for stimulating economic growth and creating jobs.

The Ohio Third Frontier initially was funded through multiple sources of State dollars. In 2005, Ohio voters approved the current bond funding mechanism for the program. That funding expires in 2012. Issue 1 will authorize \$700 million in bonds to extend funding through 2016. Issue 1 will not raise taxes.

“CCAO strongly encourages county commissioners and other local officials publicly to support passage of Issue 1 which promises to create jobs and economic activity throughout the state. The Third Frontier Program has a proven record of bringing technologically innovative ideas to the marketplace since its inception in 2002. CCAO encourages support for State Issue 1 so that the Third Frontier Program may continue to create jobs through technological research and innovation,” said CCAO Executive Director Larry Long.

Issue 1 has attracted broad bipartisan support, including both candidates for Governor and the vast majority of both Democrats and Republicans in the Ohio General Assembly, as well as individuals and organizations in most major sectors of Ohio’s economy. To learn more about Issue 1, visit www.UnitedForJobsOhio.com.

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