

SAMPLE RESOLUTION

WHEREAS, Ohio is suffering from a 10 percent unemployment rate as of Sept. 2010 according to the Ohio Department of Job and Family Services.

WHEREAS, Ohio is the fifth-largest rail industry state supplier in the country, with 220 companies employing 26,000 people, according to the Ohio Department of Transportation (ODOT).

WHEREAS, the Cleveland – Columbus – Cincinnati (3C) travel corridor is the most heavily traveled corridor for passenger trips between metro areas in the entire Midwest, according to the U.S. Department of Transportation's Bureau of Transportation Statistics.

WHEREAS, ODOT was awarded a zero-match-required \$400 million grant from the Federal Railroad Administration to improve, modernize, make safer and more efficient the railway infrastructure linking Ohio's largest cities for the movement of freight and people.

WHEREAS, Ohio rail industry supplier companies, including many in CITY NAME, are in an economically and geographically advantageous position to win the construction, operation and maintenance contracts resulting from this critically needed federal grant.

WHEREAS, the federal grant will not incur any annual costs to the State of Ohio's troubled general revenue fund.

WHEREAS, the state's share of passenger rail operating costs will instead be supported by the ODOT budget which is legally separate and financially distinct from the State of Ohio's general revenue fund.

WHEREAS, immediately upon his election, Ohio Governor-elect John Kasich asked in writing to President Barack Obama and current Gov. Ted Strickland to cancel the 3C Corridor project or instead use the funding for freight rail and/or road projects.

WHEREAS, Gov. Strickland has declined to cancel the 3C project and U.S. Transportation Secretary Ray LaHood informed Gov.-elect Kasich in a letter dated Nov. 9, 2010 that the \$400 million Ohio received cannot legally be used for any purpose other than passenger rail corridor development and that if Ohio will not use the \$400 million for its legally intended purposes, Ohio should immediately return the funds to the Federal Railroad Administration.

WHEREAS, the governors of Illinois, New York and possibly other states have asked the federal government for Ohio's \$400 million if Gov.-elect Kasich opts out of it.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED, that ADD ORGANIZATION NAME urges Gov.-elect Kasich to continue the 3C project to preserve and create good-paying rail industry jobs in Ohio; to create affordable, energy-efficient, high-quality rail

transportation for Ohioans regardless of their economic or physical ability; to promote jobs and real estate development near transportation centers in Ohio's largest central business districts; and to accomplish this using only ODOT funds, as planned, that would not burden the State of Ohio's troubled general revenue fund.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that ADD ORGANIZATION NAME encourages city and county officials, Ohio General Assembly, Ohio Congressional Delegation and other leaders to undertake all reasonable action necessary to ensure the development of railroad infrastructure, service, safety and industries continues unabated in Ohio's 3C Corridor, and that copies of this resolution shall be forwarded by the CLERK/SECRETARY to Mayor _____, _____ County Commissioners, _____ County members of the Ohio General Assembly and Ohio Congressional Delegation including most recently elected candidates.

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