

November 18, 2024

Chair Dolan  
Vice Chair Cirino  
Ranking Member Sykes  
Members of the Ohio Senate Finance Committee,

On behalf of the City of Montgomery, I am writing today to express our community's strong support for Senate Joint Resolution 4, which proposes the renewal of the State Capital Improvement Program (SCIP) for another ten years.

As a community committed to delivering reliable municipal services that reflect our core values of accountability, integrity, and responsiveness, Montgomery is glad to collaborate with the State of Ohio through programs such as SCIP to make effective public investment in transportation infrastructure assets able to enhance the quality of life and generate new avenues for economic development in our jurisdiction and across the state.

The SCIP program has been instrumental in funding critical infrastructure projects across Ohio, including roads, bridges and wastewater systems. For communities like the City of Montgomery, it is a key tool to supplement local budgeting for infrastructure improvement projects that are central to the priority growth areas that will allow our community to develop and thrive for generations to come.

SJR 4 is particularly crucial as it proposes a responsible increase in funding, reflecting the rising costs of labor, materials and construction while avoiding an increase in taxes. This increase will help local governments, including our City, continue to tackle infrastructure challenges and support economic growth by preserving and creating jobs. The SCIP program's proven success, coupled with its affordability and sustainable funding structure, ensures that Ohio communities can continue to thrive.

The City of Montgomery respectfully requests your support for SJR 4 to empower voters to re-authorize Ohio's commitment to local infrastructure and make this important investment in our shared economic future. Renewing the SCIP program will provide the resources necessary to build stronger, more vibrant communities throughout our state.

Thank you for your consideration of this important issue. We look forward to your continued support of Ohio's local governments and the critical infrastructure investments that benefit all Ohioans.

Respectfully submitted



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