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Southeast Ohio:

Muskingum Valley Health Center received the New Access Point Award which will allow the health center to expand its services to include Morgan County. The \$600,000 in federal dollars will be used to deliver preventive and primary care services, and were secured after Senator Brown urged funding in a letter to Dr. Duke at Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA).

The Family Healthcare, Inc./PRAV in Chillicothe received the New Access Point Award to allow the health center to expand its services to include Meigs County. The \$197,000 in federal dollars will be used to deliver preventive and primary care services. The funding was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), of the U.S. Department of Health Human Services.

Brown introduced legislation to fund the clean-up of the Piketon nuclear power plant site by extending the fund for ten years and raising the cap on the maximum amount of money the fund can collect in a year. This proposal would capitalize on the partnership of the industry and Department of Energy to fund the costs for the clean up of the plants. The Senate Energy Committee held a hearing on Brown's legislation in November.

Brown held the first joint field hearing of the Senate and House Committees on Veterans' Affairs in New Philadelphia in May to discuss the needs of veterans in Appalachia. As a result, he introduced *The Veterans Emergency Care Fairness Act* which would require the VA to reimburse for all care before a veteran is transferred. The bill was approved by the Senate Veterans Committee and awaits action by the full Senate.

Brown secured \$191,593 for Ohio University's Appalachian Health Care Access Project in Athens in the Labor, Health and Human Services, and Education Appropriations bill. This funding would provide supplies, medications, personnel, and educational materials to the program. The program would expand to cover Gallia, Lawrence, and Ross Counties, and would provide breast and cervical screenings and education for women, as well as blood pressure, glucose and cholesterol screenings and referrals.

In September, Brown's office hosted a day-long conference in Southeast Ohio to discuss how to expand broadband access. The Farm Bill that passed the Senate would expand rural development programs and would specifically expand authority and provide more accountability for rural broadband programs. This is the next step towards providing broadband access to all Ohioans.

Brown secured \$295,320 for the Ohio River Valley Water Sanitation Commission for the Ohio River Organic Detection System (ODS) replacement project. Over 25 million people reside in the 250,000 square mile watershed of the Ohio River. The federal dollars would be used to upgrade ODS units that are severely decayed. This is necessary to provide real time daily monitoring of chemical pollutants in the Ohio River.

Brown secured \$663,324 for the Ohio State University, Columbus, Piketon, and Wooster Campuses, and the University of Toledo for aquaculture research. The project goal is to increase the productivity, innovation, and profitability of Ohio and Midwest aquaculture operations, while respecting the underlying need to promote environmental sustainability and good stewardship. The federal dollars would advance genetic improvement of farmed yellow perch and blue gill, a fish muscle growth and nutrition program and an aquaculture technology transfer program.

Southwest Ohio:

Brown helped a patient of the Dayton VA Mental Health Clinic who was having a great deal of difficulty making mental health appointments and receiving her much needed medication on time. Senator Brown's office contacted the Veterans Integrated Service Network 10 in Cincinnati to arrange for immediate contact, a new doctor, and an audit of the computer system to ensure that the patient would receive her medication on time.

Brown secured \$656,600 in the Transportation Appropriations Bill for the Brent Spence Bridge Study. This is a top priority for the business community, Chamber of Commerce, and Ohio, Kentucky, Indiana Regional Council of Governments.

Brown intervened with the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) to help secure a mediator to resolve the dispute between the Greater Cincinnati Water Works and Sewer District One in Kentucky regarding an upstream discharge point of waste water that would have likely made its way into Cincinnati's water supply that is relied upon by 1.1 million customers.

Brown secured a special priority conservation funding for Grand Lake St. Mary's in Mercer and Auglaize counties in the Senate version of the 2007 Farm Bill. The House and Senate versions of the legislation will be reconciled early next year.

Brown's amendment to reauthorize the Underground Railroad Educational and Cultural Program passed the Senate as part of the Higher Education Act (HEA). This grant program assists the National Underground Railroad Freedom Center in Cincinnati. The House of Representatives is expected to take up similar legislation next year. Brown also secured more than \$1.9 million for the program this year.

In May, Brown announced the opening of new community-based outpatient VA clinic in Hamilton. The new clinic will enhance access to quality health care for Ohio's veterans.

Brown introduced a private bill to help a local woman in Cincinnati, Maha Dakar, a Palestinian with a Jordanian passport, who was facing deportation. Her husband is a Palestinian refugee without citizenship or passport who has been refused entrance to Jordan, where Dakar would most likely be deported if not allowed to stay in the U.S. Ms. Dakar and her family can now stay in Cincinnati due to Brown's legislation blocking the removal proceedings, thus keeping the family together.

Brown secured passage of the Senate Resolution honoring Joe Nuxhall, a longtime broadcaster and former Cincinnati Reds player.

Brown secured \$4,000,000 for the University of Dayton's Military Legal Assistance Clinic in the Defense Appropriations bill. This would provide enhanced legal services to members of the U.S. Armed Forces who cannot otherwise afford it. The Clinic would provide consumer, landlord tenant and reemployment-related assistance.

Brown secured \$1,600,000 for QBase's Imaging Tools for Human Performance Enhancement and Diagnostics in Dayton in the Defense Appropriations bill. This would allow the Air Force and Department of Defense to conduct comprehensive studies of the precise human responses to battlefield stresses. This project contributes toward continued preeminence of the Air Force Research Lab's Human Effectiveness Directorate research programs and will build on research areas identified by BRAC to move to Wright Patterson Air Force Base.

Brown secured \$2,400,000 for the Advanced Geospatial Intelligence (AGI) Exploitation Tools at the Ball Aerospace and Technologies Corporation at Wright Patterson Air Force Base in the Defense Appropriations bill. This funding would help develop sophisticated, state-of-the-art algorithms and analysis tools to exploit data from next generation Advanced Geospatial Intelligence sensors.

Central Ohio:

Brown helped an Army Specialist who was serving in Iraq to get home to Columbus before his infant son had open heart surgery. The Specialist had previously been denied permission to come home, and his command would not give him the paperwork to apply for compassionate reassignment. Brown was also able to get the military to provide the soldier the option of separating from the Army with an honorable discharge or accepting compassionate reassignment to Fort Knox.

Brown's office helped expedite a Social Security Disability case for a woman living in a Columbus homeless shelter with her 14-year-old special needs son. The woman was taking 20 medications, was undergoing mental health treatment, and her memory was severely failing her. Both she and her son experienced repeated asthma attacks and were forced to leave the homeless shelter when acetone nail polish remover, which was being used by another shelter resident, entered the ventilation system. The Administrative Law Judge reviewed the file and awarded her claim without holding a hearing. The woman reported that with some funds from the SSI portion of her claim and additional assistance from the Salvation Army, she would be able to move into permanent housing near her son's school.

Brown secured \$533,120 for Starr Commonwealth in Columbus for Facilities Renovations in the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill. Starr Commonwealth is a nonprofit educational and residential treatment organization for troubled youth and their families in Michigan and Ohio. The federal dollars would be used to expand and renovate Starr's facilities in Columbus to provide services to more special needs children.

Brown secured \$490,000 for the Rickenbacker Connector Road in the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill. The federal dollars would be used for engineering studies for a new connector road and upgrades to existing roads to improve the link between U.S. 23 and I-71 to Rickenbacker International Airport and the new intermodal rail facility that is currently under construction. The new intermodal facility at Rickenbacker will provide increased capacity allowing Central Ohio to expand domestic and international shipping and economic opportunities.

Brown secured \$365,000 for Wittenberg University for an at-risk youth development program. The federal dollars would be used to increase the impact of after-school programming in Springfield, Ohio and double the number of students served in the region. To maximize the impact of area programs and resources for at-risk youth, Wittenberg University will bring together Springfield providers of after-school programs and develop a coordinated, evidence-based approach for addressing the needs of the children.

Brown secured \$112,209 for The Ohio State University's Ohio Center for Farmland Policy Innovation. The main purpose of the Center is to develop and convey information on likely performance of supportive agricultural zoning, agricultural economic development, easement purchase and other land policy options to Ohio townships and counties.

Brown secured \$1,000,000 for The Indiana University - Ohio State University Center for Traumatic Amputation Rehabilitation Research in Columbus in the Defense Appropriations bill. This would address the lifelong rehabilitation needs of war-related amputees to improve the health and welfare of returning military personnel from the Iraq and Afghan conflicts. This data will assist the Department of Defense and VA health care personnel in their efforts to help soldiers who received traumatic amputations make the transition into civilian life.

Brown secured \$2,000,000 for Battelle's Alternative Energy Fuel Cell Power Generation project in Columbus. This would improve fuel efficiency, advance noise reduction, produce safe emissions, increase water production, and enhance flexible deployment configurations. Alternative Energy Fuel Cell Power Generation will provide a significant step forward in developing fuel cell-based power systems for military applications.

Northwest Ohio:

After touring Shelby, Bucyrus, and Findlay and other areas flooded in August, Brown worked with the Congressional Delegation to get a declaration as a major disaster area by the Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) for Allen, Crawford, Hancock, Putnam, Richland, and Wyandot Counties, making these counties eligible for individual aid and hazard mitigation from FEMA. This week, Brown secured \$98,400 each for the City of Findlay and the City of Ottawa for flood mitigation studies.

Brown joined with Senator Voinovich on legislation to name the U.S. Post Office in Tiffin, Ohio, after late-U.S. Representative Paul E. Gillmor of Ohio's 5th District. The legislation passed Congress and is now on its way to the president's desk to be signed into law.

Brown urged the Federal Railroad Administration (FRA) to investigate a train derailment that occurred in Erie County in late October. In December, the FRA agreed to conduct the investigation.

Brown's office hosted a seminar with Toledo Latino leaders on the federal grant process. This was in response to a roundtable held in October.

Brown's office is working with the University of Toledo and Lucas County and Toledo area officials to maximize the region's alternative energy sector.

After a discussion at a roundtable in Lima, Brown announced the Allen County Health Partners received the New Access Point Award to allow the health center to expand its services. The \$218,000 in federal dollars will be used to deliver preventive and primary care services. The funding was awarded by the Health Resources and Services Administration (HRSA), of the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services.

Brown secured \$1,600,000 for Bowling Green State University's Fully Integrated Solar-Powered Interior Lighting Technology project in the Defense Appropriations bill. This project brings together the Bowling Green State University, University of Toledo, and Wright Patterson Air Force Base to create an interdisciplinary research program focused on fully-integrated solar-powered interior lighting technology for use in temporary structures such as "tent cities" in overseas military bases.

Brown secured \$263,318 for University of Findlay's Center for Public Health Preparedness Project. In 2005, the U.S. Department of Homeland Security named the University of Findlay one of five Charter Members of the Rural Domestic Preparedness Consortium, responsible for developing and providing training programs on a nationwide basis to rural first responders and first receivers. They awarded degrees to more than 1,000 students from Academic Degree Programs and trained more than 100,000 people nationwide.

Brown secured \$143,449 for Rhodes State College's Education for an Advanced Manufacturing Workforce Program in Lima. Rhodes State prepares students for entry into high-tech careers, develops the regional workforce through occupational training, and offers curricular programs that prepare students to transfer into selected college programs. This funding would aid curriculum development to purchase equipment, training, and internships.

Brown secured \$167,030 for Defiance College's Autism Studies Program. This funding would establish a mentoring model with service learning, shadowing, and internships to create more effective caregivers. It would serve as a training site for caregivers and a clearing house for service identification, even offering a job pool of qualified individuals for the family to interview.

Brown secured \$533,120 for Starr Commonwealth in Van Wert would facilities renovations. Starr Commonwealth is a nonprofit educational and residential treatment organization for troubled youth and their families in Michigan and Ohio. The federal dollars would be used to expand and renovate Starr's facilities in Van Wert to provide services to more special needs children.

Northeast Ohio:

Brown worked with Continental Airlines CEO Larry Kellner, state, and local officials to expand services in Cleveland. The \$50 million dollar expansion is expected to create 700 Ohio jobs over the next 18 months.

Brown is working in cooperation with the Cleveland Foundation to have the German solar energy firm IBC Solar AG locate its new U.S. headquarters in Cleveland.

Brown secured a federal response to the school shooting in Cleveland in October. Specifically, Brown's amendment would ensure that school administrators have updated guidance as to how to identify and report individuals at risk of committing a violent act.

Brown successfully intervened to ensure proper consideration of the need for a Cleveland Medicaid-covered child to receive surgery to prevent mental retardation.

Brown worked with local officials on packaging the deal to keep the Goodyear global headquarters in Akron.

Brown secured \$361,130 for the Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank to cover necessary renovation costs to the newly acquired building. The Akron-Canton Regional Foodbank serves eight Northeast Ohio counties, including Summit, Stark, Portage, Wayne, Medina, Tuscarawas, Carroll and Holmes.

Brown secured \$2,500,000 for Lockheed Martin's High Altitude Airship in Akron to offer the Air Force and Department of Defense the ability to conduct wide area, persistent surveillance at a lower cost.

Brown secured Trade Adjustment Assistance (TAA) benefits for a group of about 15 workers that lost their jobs near Canton. TAA assists workers hurt by trade, and has helped more than 30,000 Ohioans since 2003.

Brown helped secure \$400,000 for the City of Youngstown Fire Department from the Firefighters Grant Program to purchase a new fire truck.

He worked directly with the Army Corps of Engineers to clear up red tape delays that were preventing the City of Sheffield from moving forward with its city boat launch project.

In May, Brown announced the opening of a new community-based outpatient VA clinic in Parma. The new clinic will enhance access to quality health care for Ohio's veterans.

As part of the National Flood Insurance Program, Brown secured language to clarify that condominium owners with flood insurance should receive claims payments regardless of the coverage of the condominium association. This helped a woman in Painesville receive compensation from FEMA from flooding in July 2006.

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Brown helped a woman from northeast Ohio receive an increase in her service connected disability benefits through the Veterans Administration (VA). Her benefits will increase from 10 to 20 percent with a retroactive payment of nearly \$1000.

Brown secured \$735,000 for the Holmes County Trail for improvements as part of the Ohio to Erie Trail as part of the Transportation, Housing, and Urban Development Appropriations bill. The Holmes County Trail is a 29-mile recreational trail, which begins in Knox County, and runs northeast through Holmes and Wayne Counties. The Ohio to Erie trail is a transportation route linking Cincinnati, Columbus, Akron, and Cleveland.