



City of Portsmouth

Office of the City Manager

728 Second Street
Portsmouth, Ohio 45662



March 10, 2023

The Honorable Brad Wenstrup
U.S. House of Representatives
4350 Aicholtz Rd, Suite 110
Cincinnati, OH 45245

Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

The City of Portsmouth is happy to partner with Shawnee State University for revitalization of our region and support the plan to re-route US Rt. 23 at Gay and 3rd Street in Portsmouth to make way for the opening of 3rd Street into a gateway to Shawnee State University. We feel strongly that the University is an asset to our community and region.

This plan is part of the Elevate Portsmouth master plan that was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders including the City of Portsmouth and regional businesses. This project will support growth in our community and was recognized as one of the most important economic development action items in the strategic plan.

Opening 3rd Street and creating better traffic flow in and around both Shawnee State University and downtown Portsmouth benefits all in our region and supports plans for downtown growth.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,


Sam Sutherland



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Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

I am writing to express Friends of Portsmouth support for the plan to re-route US Rt 23 at Gay and 3rdStreet in Portsmouth to make way for the opening of 3rdStreet into a gateway to Shawnee State University.

This plan is part of the Elevate Portsmouth master plan that was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders including the City of Portsmouth, regional businesses and partners, including the Friends of Portsmouth. This project will support growth in our community and was recognized as one of the most important economic development action items in the strategic plan.

Opening 3rdStreet and creating better traffic flow in and around both Shawnee State University and downtown Portsmouth benefits all who live, work and learn in our community.

Thank you for your consideration.

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Southern Ohio Medical Center

Very Good things are happening here

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Dear Congressman Wenstrup,

I am writing to express Southern Ohio Medical Center's support for the plan to re-route US Rt 23 at Gay and 3rd Street in Portsmouth to make way for the opening of 3rd Street into a gateway to Shawnee State University.

This plan is part of the Elevate Portsmouth master plan that was developed by a diverse group of stakeholders including the City of Portsmouth and regional business, including Southern Ohio Medical Center. This project will support growth in our community and was recognized as one of the most important economic development action items in the strategic plan.

Southern Ohio Medical Center is the region's largest employer, with more than 3,000 professionals, almost all of whom live in the immediate region.

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Thank you for your consideration.

Yours truly,



**Ken Applegate
Administrative Director of Human Resources**