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## LOCAL OFFICIALS TO MEET WITH OHIO REPS

HEATH -- For the third year in a row, the Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority will lead a contingent of local public and private officials to Washington, D.C., to meet with Ohio's Congressional representatives.

A 10-person contingent is scheduled to make the trip Thursday, when they will meet with Rep. Zack Space, D-Dover; Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Columbus; and Rep. Steve Austria, R-Beavercreek, in their respective Capitol Hill offices.

The group also is scheduled to meet with the staffs of Sen. George Voinovich, a Republican, and Sen. Sherrod Brown, a Democrat.

Officials from major employers at The Base are attending along with local leaders from the Licking County Chamber of Commerce, the city of Heath, the Licking County Commissioners and the Port Authority.

Rick Platt, executive director of the Port Authority, said the Port Authority has a responsibility to keep federal, state and local officials informed about the successes and challenges at the Central Ohio Aerospace and Technology Center.

The trip is organized and funded by the Port Authority as part of its caucus-building strategy, Platt said.

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