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## Local leaders to visit congressional delegation

### *ADVOCATE STAFF REPORT*

HEATH -- The Heath-Newark-Licking County Port Authority will lead local public and private officials today to meet with Ohio's congressional delegation during its annual one-day visit to Washington, D.C.

The group will meet with Sen. Sherrod Brown, D-Ohio; Rep. Zack Space, D-Dover; Rep. Pat Tiberi, R-Columbus; Rep. Steve Austria, R-Beavercreek; and Rep. Bob Latta, R-Bowling Green, in their Capitol Hill offices. The group also is scheduled to meet with staff for Sen. George Voinovich, R-Ohio.

Officials from major COATC employers such as Boeing, Bionetics and Goodrich will join leaders from the city of Heath, Licking County commissioners and the Port Authority for the visit.

The visit, organized by the Port Authority, is part of its caucus-building strategy to increase knowledge among federal, state, and local officials about the value and impact of the COATC campus.

On the agenda are updates on initiatives under way at the campus and an encouragement to support a statewide collaboration of the Ohio delegation on aerospace and defense industry issues.

"The Aerospace Center has had five major federal funding or policy issues impact our facility in the last five years where we've needed Congressional intervention," Port Authority Executive Director Rick Platt stated in a press release.

"We can't afford to sit back and wait for a crisis to occur. We have to be proactive. This visit is a major part of how we keep our delegation informed and engaged."

## Additional Facts

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More information about the DC Fly-In: <http://hnlcpa.com/dcflyin>

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