



August 23, 2017

The Honorable Robert Portman
United States Senate
448 Russell Senate Office Building
Washington, D.C. 20510

Re: *Support S. 1117, the Consumer Financial Choice and Capital Markets Protection Act of 2017*

Dear Senator Portman:

Enclosed please find our letter from last Congress urging your support of legislation that would remedy an unintended consequence of money market reform. A Securities and Exchange Commission (SEC) rule, which required money market funds to switch from a fixed net asset value to a floating net asset value, had the negative effect of eliminating \$1.2 trillion of capital markets financing for state and local infrastructure projects. As long as the money stays parked in the federal government funds, it is not available to fund facility and capital improvements for: local schools, hospitals, universities, sewer and clean water facilities, roads and bridges, airports, public transit, affordable public housing, and other job creating infrastructure projects, all of which finance these projects through prime and tax-exempt municipal money market funds. Because there has been a large reduction in money market funds as a direct result of the rule, short-term financing costs for capital projects have increased substantially

To keep Ohio's economy growing, we urge you to support the re-introduced legislation, S. 1117, and advocate for its adoption.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Nan Whaley". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Nan Whaley
Mayor