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Senate President

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1 Capitol Square
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Passed as part of Ohio's new two year state budget, the half billion dollar brownfield program dedicates \$350 million to a newly developed Brownfield Remediation Fund and \$150 million to the Building Demolition and Site Revitalization Fund.

Providing resources to clean up these abandoned properties is about creating the space for new jobs and improved neighborhoods across Ohio. These vacant unusable pieces of property grow something no city or small town needs. That is blight, that leads to crime. These problems often present serious funding challenges for smaller communities, and this will help clean-up properties that represent more than eye-sores, but also pose serious safety risks for our children.

All 88 counties statewide are covered as part of the critical economic development program that not only helps re-purpose old sites for new business, but can also revitalize neighborhoods caught in a cycle of blighted property that attracts crime.

I am grateful for the diligence, cooperation and hard-work of both Senator Williams and Senator Rulli who were determined to make a difference in how we tackle this problem statewide.

To learn more about the details of this effort, [click here](#).

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Matt Huffman".

Matt Huffman
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State Senator, 12th District