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SEN. BROWN ANNOUNCES NEARLY \$450,000 TO SPUR ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT AND MANUFACTURING INNOVATION IN LIMA

Brown Wrote Letter of Support for Ohio Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Center's Proposal

WASHINGTON, D.C. – Today, U.S. Sen. Sherrod Brown (D-OH)) announced that the U.S. Department of Commerce's (DOC) Economic Development Administration (EDA) has awarded \$449,950 to the Ohio Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Center in Lima for a Center for High Strain Rate Forming Commercialization. The Center will bring together several manufacturers to spur innovation and commercialization through collaboration and co-investment. In October 2014, Brown wrote to the U.S. Department of Commerce, urging the department to give the Ohio Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Center's proposal full and fair consideration.

“This federal investment will help Lima continue to develop into a leader in manufacturing innovation,” Brown said. “Under the Ohio Energy and Advanced Manufacturing Center, manufacturing businesses in the region will be able to leverage their resources to help bring new ideas to the market.”

Brown continues to work to bolster the competitiveness of U.S. manufacturers and boosting domestic manufacturing. In December 2014, his bipartisan manufacturing jobs legislation was signed into law. The *Revitalize American Manufacturing and Innovation Act* (RAMI) would establish a National Network of Manufacturing Innovation (NNMI) and create thousands of high-paying, high-tech manufacturing jobs while enhancing the United States' role as the world's leader in advanced manufacturing.

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