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COUNTY LEADERS INVITED TO WHITE HOUSE, MEET WITH MEMBERS OF TRUMP ADMINISTRATION

Bryan, Ohio — COUNTY COMMISSIONER Brian Davis on August 29 joined more than 80 Ohio County Commissioners and County Council members who accepted an invitation from the White House for a conference in Washington D. C. The goal of the event was to develop a working relationship between the White House and Federal Agencies and Ohio's County Leaders.

“It was a welcome opportunity to share with the administration our current situation and concerns at the county level,” COMMISSIONER Brian Davis stated. “A strong partnership between county and federal governments will be pivotal in fighting the opioid epidemic, as well as addressing shared objectives such as improving infrastructure. I look forward to collaborating on these very important issues with this administration.”

At 11:00 a.m. on Tuesday, we had the opportunity to meet at Eisenhower Building located on the White House grounds. Our meeting began with an opening welcome by United States Secretary of Agricultural, Sonny Perdue, and Vice-President of the United States, Mike Pence. Ohio is the fourth State that has received an invitation by this administration to meet with all departments within the Federal Government. The first three states were as follows: Pennsylvania, Florida and Michigan. The purpose of the meeting was to allow us to meet key directors within the agencies, to have open dialogues with the directors, and to share concerns we face within local government.

We had the honor to meet with Secretary Perdue, United States Department of Agricultural; SBA; Veterans Affairs; DOT; HUD; Department of Energy; Department of Infrastructure, HHS, Department of State, EPA, DHS, and NASA. We also received presentations from Kellyanne Conway (Counselor to U.S. President), on behalf of the President and Rick Dearborn, White House Deputy Chief of Staff, Intergovernmental Affairs and Implementation to the President.

This meeting gives local government a conduit across all federal agencies if the need arises for assistance be it a constituent, a business, or a need by elected officials.

Commissioner Davis had the opportunity to not only meet with, but presented information to Intergovernmental Affairs staffing in regards to the impending Kunkle and Alvordton sewer system. They will review the information provided and will respond in time.

In closing, for this process to work and continue, bi-monthly phone calls with key members of the White House and various departments will be made to ensure that the programs and the policies implemented by this administration meets the needs and objectives of local government.

“This conference was a solid foundation to building a strong dialogue, and we hope to continue to develop this new partnership,” COMMISSIONER Brian Davis said.

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