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## **Nearly 100 Attend Oil and Gas Appreciation Luncheon Featuring Congressman Troy Balderson**

Cambridge, OH – The Cambridge-Guernsey County Community Improvement Corporation (CIC), in partnership with the Ohio Oil and Gas Association (OOGA), recently hosted an Oil and Gas Appreciation Luncheon at the Pritchard Laughlin Civic Center. The event drew nearly 100 attendees—including state, county, and local elected officials, community leaders, and industry stakeholders—to celebrate the vital contributions of the oil and gas industry to the region.

The luncheon featured keynote remarks from Congressman Troy Balderson, who spoke about the importance of domestic energy production and the essential role the oil and gas sector play in supporting Ohio's economy and advancing national energy independence.

Attendees also heard from local organizations who shared personal stories of the industry's positive impact on their communities and operations. Speakers included representatives from:

- Old Washington Community Fire Department
- Guernsey County Agricultural Society/Fair Board
- East Guernsey Local Schools
- Rolling Hills Local Schools
- Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District

These groups highlighted the ongoing support received from oil and gas operators, including investments in safety equipment, educational programs, infrastructure upgrades, and broader community development initiatives.

Bill Arnett, Executive Director of the Cambridge-Guernsey County CIC, emphasized the economic and civic benefits brought by the industry: *"We've seen firsthand how oil and gas investment has strengthened our local economy—from infrastructure upgrades to direct support for public services and community organizations. Their continued presence and partnership have been a catalyst for growth in our region."*

Craig Butler, Executive Director of the Muskingum Watershed Conservancy District, also shared his perspective: *"Our partnership with the oil and gas industry has allowed us to reinvest in critical infrastructure, enhance recreational opportunities, and support conservation efforts across the watershed. The responsible development of these resources has created a meaningful and lasting impact on both our environment and the people we serve."*

*"The oil and gas industry has been a steadfast partner in Guernsey County and throughout the region,"* said Mike Chadsey, OOGA Director of External Affairs. *"From job creation to supporting local schools, first responders, and community events, the impact is significant and ongoing. This luncheon is just one way we say thank you and reaffirm our commitment to working together for a stronger future."*

The event underscored the longstanding collaboration between the industry and the communities it serves, celebrating shared accomplishments and looking ahead to continued progress.

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