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## **Ohio Chamber Applauds Federal Funding for Clean Hydrogen Hub**

*COLUMBUS, OHIO* – Ohio Chamber CEO Steve Stivers today thanked the U.S. Department of Energy (DOE) for selecting the Appalachian Regional Clean Hydrogen Hub (ARCH2) for up to \$925 million in federal support under the Bipartisan Infrastructure Law. The Chamber was a vocal proponent of the ARCH2 project receiving funding. Its [letter of support can be found HERE](#).

“We were excited to learn that the ARCH2 won funding through the U.S. Department of Energy,” Stivers said. “Many of our members care about their business’s environmental impact and are excited to be a part of this initiative to increase access to clean hydrogen. This initiative shows a strong commitment to growing and continuing investment in the hydrogen market in Ohio. Converting carbon emissions into hydrogen is critical in our efforts to have both reliable and clean energy and in positioning Ohio as a leader for next-generation hydrogen jobs.”

The federal infrastructure law included \$8 billion for regional clean hydrogen hubs to spur the production, transport and use of clean hydrogen across the nation. The primary objective of the ARCH2 program is to enable widespread deployment of infrastructure for clean hydrogen production, transport and end-use in the Appalachian Basin states of Ohio, West Virginia, Kentucky and Pennsylvania and adjacent eastern and midwestern states.

The Hub is projected to create over 20,000 jobs in our region. Additionally, the \$925 million in federal funding is expected to also generate up to \$6 billion in additional private sector matching funding.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is the state's leading business advocate and resource working with large and small businesses statewide to strengthen the business community and increase growth in all sectors of the state.

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