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**Co-Chair of Dayton Together Charter Development Committee Responds To  
Criticism of Government Modernization Project**

Contact: Paul Leonard, Co-Chair, Dayton Together Charter Development Committee  
937-371-0565 Former Member, Ohio House of Representatives  
Former Mayor of Dayton  
Former Lt. Governor of Ohio

“The opposition to the work of the Dayton Together Charter Development Committee is both premature and uninformed. I’m proud of the work that has, thus far, been done by this committee of hard-working volunteers from business and labor, former and current elected officials and city managers, academia and representatives of both the majority and minority populations in the Greater Dayton area.

Our committee has been focused on the promise held by a modern, streamlined government that can adequately address the challenges of the future in a fiscally responsible manner...and enhance our ability to attract new jobs.

I know and respect some of the elected officials who are opposed to our effort. However, I am confident that the citizens of Montgomery County will see through that opposition. They are simply protecting the status quo. Dayton Together is focused on the future.

The citizens of Montgomery County should have the opportunity to cast a vote on a modern, chartered government. Those who opposed our efforts at today’s news conference should not be afraid to trust the voters of our community. We are not. Our goal is to give the voters a chance to decide who is right and who is wrong...and we will respect their verdict. We believe the voters deserve the opportunity to choose between the past and the future.”