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Senior Levy to be placed on November Ballot

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

July 24, 2012, Columbus, Ohio ---- Franklin County residents will be asked to approve a 1.3 mill Senior Services Levy on the November 6, 2012 General Election ballot.

The levy, which supports independent living and helps seniors live more meaningful lives, would maintain services already provided by the Senior Options program if passed by voters. Approximately 4,000 calls per month come in to the central access point to inquire on services offered such as, home delivered meals, personal care, adult day health, transportation and minor home repair to area seniors.

The Office on Aging projects that in 2012 funding from the senior services levy will provide:

- Over 550,000 home delivered meals
- Over 1,300,000 miles of transportation
- Over 18,000 days of adult day health care, which will include over 1,000 baths for very frail seniors, whose family members could not bathe them at home

Comparing institutional costs to Senior Options costs reveals dramatic savings for the taxpayer. The monthly cost of institutional care (semi-private room) is \$6,083, while the cost for 5 days/week of adult day health that allows the caregiver to continue working is around \$1,081 per month.

Passage of the 1.3 mill senior services levy assures the continuation of these services and will cost the homeowner of a \$100,000 home \$39.81 a year or 11cents per day.

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