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Expansion bringing 400 jobs to West Chester Twp.

Investment will increase production of Lilly's KwikPen, hike Resilience Ohio workforce to 1,400.

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Staff Writer

A \$750 million expansion by Resilience and Eli Lilly and Company is expected to create more

than 400 new jobs in West Chester Twp., further growing the region's role in pharmaceutical manufacturing.

The investment will expand production of Lilly's KwikPen injectable device at Resilience's West Chester campus, increasing domestic manufacturing capacity for treatments used to manage diabetes and obesity.

Resilience is a contract development and manufacturing organization that produces medicines and drug delivery products for pharmaceutical companies. The company focuses on manufacturing complex therapies and expanding U.S.-based production capacity for critical medicines.

The project will bring Resilience's total Ohio workforce to about 1,400 employees. Site preparation is underway, and

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\$750M will expand production of Lilly's KwikPen device at Resilience's West Chester Twp. campus and create more than 400 jobs. NICK GRAHAM / STAFF

ELECTION 2026



Construction workers smooth out sections of concrete April 16 during a sidewalk installation on the West Main Street bridge in Troy that crosses Interstate 75. One area of juxtaposition between the two candidates for Ohio governor is within the building and construction trades councils. BRYANT BILLING / STAFF

Battle to win union voters in Ohio governor race

Democrats have seen advantage evaporate in presidential elections.

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In this year's race for Ohio governor, Democrat Dr. Amy Acton will hope to curb – and Vivek Ramaswamy will hope to

extend – a political trend that has seen a significant share of union voters shift from Democrat to Republican.

That “stark change” in political preference, as University of Dayton political science professor Daniel Birdsong put it in an interview with the Dayton Daily News, is easiest to spot when it comes to presidential elections.

He cited NBC exit polling data from 2012 that found 60% of union

households voted for then-President Barack Obama, compared to just 37% for GOP challenger Mitt Romney. Union voters were hardly monolithic, but it was normal for Ohio Democrats to dominate in union households and to attract union endorsements.

But the Democrats' advantages with union households evaporated in the three subsequent presidential elections, of which Donald Trump was a constant.

CNN exit polling found that Trump carried 54% of union household votes in 2016; 55% in 2020; and 54% again in 2024.

Birdsong and other political experts suggest the shift could be explained by the inroads Trump made with white, working-class voters without a college degree, a population that has since become a reliable tenet in

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CLOSER LOOK

Congress quietly watches TPS end

No action on Capitol Hills as time runs out for Haitian immigrants.

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As the Trump administration moves ahead with plans to ultimately deport thousands of Haitian immigrants living in Ohio and other states, there is no evidence that Congress will approve any legislation to stop those plans.

On Capitol Hill, the U.S. House is already on a summer break until Aug. 31. In the U.S. Senate, GOP leaders have shown no interest in forcing a vote on legislation to extend the temporary protected status for Haitian immigrants.

And for many Republican lawmakers in Congress – that's just fine.

“Let's send them home,” declared northeast Ohio Republican U.S. Rep. Michael Rulli. “If Haitians on TPS don't want to go home on their own, ICE will be happy to assist.”

On the other side, many Ohio Democrats are horrified by what might be next.

“What they're doing is so inhumane,” said U.S. Rep. Greg Landsman, D-Cincinnati of the Trump administration effort. “It's terrible for our country.”

While the House voted back on April 16 to extend the temporary protected status for Haitian immigrants by three years, that bill has gone

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