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Ohio Chamber Backs Yost for Attorney General and LaRose for Secretary of State

COLUMBUS-The Ohio Chamber of Commerce Political Action Committee (OCCPAC) today announced its endorsement of Auditor Dave Yost for Ohio Attorney General and Sen. Frank LaRose for Ohio Secretary of State.

For the Ohio Chamber, this is only the third time in the organization's history that an endorsement was made in both races.

"As Ohio's chief defender of laws, Dave Yost recognizes that free enterprise and economic growth depend upon a stable, predictable business environment," said Andrew Doehrel, President and CEO of the Ohio Chamber. "Dave Yost will apply Ohio's laws with an even hand." That gives Ohio's businesses the confidence they need to invest and grow," added Doehrel.

"The rule of law means the same rules for everybody," Yost said. "That stability and consistency means consumers and businesses alike can feel safe in the marketplace — it will be the hallmark of my time as Ohio's attorney general."

For secretary of state, Frank LaRose is the right candidate to continue building upon the successful modernization efforts of the office. During his time in the Ohio Senate, he was a champion of regulatory reform and was twice endorsed for those efforts by OCCPAC. In addition, LaRose has compiled an excellent 88 percent lifetime Ohio Chamber voting record during his time in the Ohio Legislature.

"The position of secretary of state is an important one to the business community, especially for job creating new start-up companies" continued Doehrel. "Frank LaRose will lead the office of secretary of state with an emphasis on innovation and efficiency."

"The Ohio Chamber is the voice of entrepreneurs, business owners and job creators across our state, and I'm truly honored to earn their endorsement," said LaRose. "We've worked

hard to get our economy moving again. As a legislator, I've helped pass balanced budgets, reduce burdensome regulations, and cut taxes for families and small businesses. It's working, and Ohioans are benefiting. As secretary of state, I'll continue to focus on job growth and serving small business people. By working together, we can create an environment where businesses can prosper so that our families thrive."

Founded in 1893, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce has been the voice of business in Ohio for more than a century, aggressively championing free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. The chamber works to promote and protect the interests of its members – large and small.

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