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2021-2022 Ohio Chamber Policy Priorities Emphasize Pandemic Recovery, Strengthening the Business Climate, and Addressing Racial Inequities

COLUMBUS – As the 134th Ohio General Assembly begins in earnest, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce is releasing its *Public Policy Priorities* for 2021-2022. Our priorities build on recent, pro-growth policy successes that have resulted in Ohio now being recognized nationally as among the ten best states for businesses, while also emphasizing that more must still be done to overcome the economic fallout from the COVID-19 pandemic.

“We have to ensure we have the right policies in place to both accelerate our economic recovery and strengthen the overall business climate at the same time,” said Keith Lake, the Ohio Chamber’s vice president of government affairs. “Our priorities represent some of the key solutions policymakers can implement to accomplish both. We look forward to working with the legislature and the governor to enact these policies and to make Ohio the most competitive place in the nation to do business.”

While making Ohio more business-friendly and competitive, the Ohio Chamber is also partnering with the U.S. Chamber of Commerce in support of its “Equality of Opportunity Agenda.” The *Public Policy Priorities* include specific recommendations to address some of the race-based opportunity gaps that hold back individual and business success.

“The Ohio Chamber understands that employers have a role to play in addressing inequality and injustice, and we intend to be part of the effort to help close the opportunity gaps that hold back people of color,” noted Lake. “This is not only the right thing to do, but it’s also the smart thing to do for our economy.”

The Ohio Chamber’s nine policy committees, composed of volunteer leaders from member companies across the state, meet throughout the year. Together, they identify the challenges they face and propose solutions that will strengthen their businesses and our state’s economy. Their recommendations were compiled to create these *Public Policy Priorities*, which were adopted by the Ohio Chamber’s Board of Directors in December.

The Ohio Chamber's 2021-2022 *Public Policy Priorities* are attached and also available electronically at www.ohiochamber.com/legislative-priorities. If you would like a printed copy mailed to you, please contact Julie Wagner Feasel at 614-629-0914 or jfeasel@ohiochamber.com.

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