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Carfagna Hired as Senior Vice President at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce

COLUMBUS, OHIO –The Ohio Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Stivers today announced the hiring of Rep. Rick Carfagna (R- Genoa Township) as Senior Vice President for the Ohio Chamber. In this position, he will be responsible for leading the Chamber’s government affairs team and overseeing the Chamber’s public policy agenda.

“Rick is an outstanding addition to the staff at the Ohio Chamber and we are excited to have him on the team,” Stivers said. “He has extensive experience in management, public policy and politics, which makes him the perfect fit to ensure the Ohio Chamber achieves our aggressive policy goals for the 134th General Assembly and political objectives for the 2022 election cycle and into the future.”

Over the course of his career, Carfagna has served at both the state and local levels of government. He is currently in his third term in the Ohio House of Representatives, where he represents the 68th House District, which includes part of Delaware County and all of Knox County. As the Assistant Majority Floor Leader on the House Republican leadership team, Carfagna assists in the development and implementation of the majority’s policy agenda.

Carfagna’s accomplishments during his time in the Ohio House include his authorship of House Bill 2, which was passed into law in 2021 and created the Ohio Residential Broadband Expansion Grant Program. The \$270 million program targets the one million Ohioans lacking household access to high-speed internet by helping finance broadband expansion projects across the state. His other notable achievements include enacted measures to combat human

trafficking, stabilize mental health emergencies, provide consumer protections to parents of children in daycare, and provide greater access to, and emphasis on, computer science offerings in K-12 education.

In addition to his standing committee assignments and leadership duties, Carfagna also chairs the Ohio Retirement Study Council which provides legislative oversight over the state's five public retirement systems and their approximately \$218 billion in combined assets. He also chairs the Midwestern Higher Education Compact, a consortium of 12 Midwest states that strengthens postsecondary education through cost-savings initiatives and policy solutions.

At the local level, Carfagna was elected to the Genoa Township Board of Trustees from 2009 to 2016 and was named Board Chair in 2011, 2014 and 2016. In 2016, the Genoa Township Business Association recognized him with its "Public Servant of the Year" Award. He also helped establish the Delaware County Transportation Improvement District, on which he serves as a legislative member.

Prior to his time in the General Assembly, he worked as the Government Relations Manager for Time Warner Cable from 2002 until 2017. In that position he oversaw legislative and regulatory issues at the local, state and federal levels.

Carfagna earned his B.A. in Political Science from John Carroll University. Upon graduation, he was admitted into the Ohio Legislative Service Commission's Fellowship Program and then worked as a Legislative Aide in the Ohio House of Representatives, staffing the House Public Utilities Committee. Rep. Carfagna and his wife, Jill, reside in Genoa Township with their daughter, Isabella.

Carfagna's official starting date with the Ohio Chamber has yet to be determined, but in all likelihood will begin sometime in late February following his early departure from the Ohio House of Representatives.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is the state's leading business advocate and represents thousands of companies that do business in Ohio. The Ohio Chamber's mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

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