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Ohio Chamber Releases Blueprint for Ohio's Economic Future at Ohio Statehouse

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce today hosted a press conference to release The Blueprint for Ohio's Economic Future. The Blueprint is a comprehensive report that focuses on the key areas for growth and improvement for the State of Ohio. Based on the findings and recommendations in the Blueprint, the Ohio Chamber will leverage the report to provide policy solutions that will drive economic growth in the state for decades to come.

"Ohio is not just competing with other states, we are competing in a global economy," said Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers. "While there is much to be proud of regarding Ohio's efforts to be business friendly, we must take steps now to lay the foundation for future growth in the years to come."

- <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the executive summary of the report.
- <u>CLICK HERE</u> for the full report.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation commissioned the report with Accenture to conduct an analysis of economic rankings comparing Ohio with other states across the country. Through a breakdown of the methodologies creating those rankings, the Ohio Chamber identified several key areas of opportunity to improve Ohio's business climate and competitiveness.

The report focuses on 6 strategic areas of opportunity to increase Ohio's competitiveness, including:

- Education & Workforce
- Sense of Place
- Taxes & Costs
- Business Friendliness
- Innovation & Collaboration
- Infrastructure

"The mission of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation is to provide non-partisan, educational resources on public policy issues that impact Ohio's economy, job creation and long-term competitiveness," said Brian Hicks, President of the Board of Directors of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation. "We look forward to building upon this foundational research with further analyses in the months and years ahead."

As the state's leading business advocate and resource, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce aggressively champions free enterprise, economic competitiveness and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans. With members ranging from small businesses to international companies, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce represents Ohio's business voice.

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