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### **Ohio Chamber Presents 2024 Lifetime Achievement and Legislator of the Year Awards**

*COLUMBUS, OHIO* – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce held its 2024 Impact Ohio Post-General Election Conference on November 7 at COSI. This recurring event offers attendees the first post-election opportunity to hear directly from the leaders who will shape Ohio’s policy and political agenda for the upcoming biennium.

The event featured remarks from Kentucky Gov. Andy Beshear, Ohio Gov. Mike DeWine, Former Presidential Candidate Vivek Ramaswamy, Senator-Elect Bernie Moreno and more. Panels comprised of Ohio legislators, Ohio Congressmen and election and campaign experts dissected the November 2024 election and looked ahead to next year’s political outlook.

As part of the day’s programming, the Ohio Chamber presented the JoAnn Davidson Lifetime Achievement Award and the Legislator of the Year Awards. State Representative Bill Seitz was the recipient of the Lifetime Achievement Award for his contributions to the state and his lifelong dedication to its growth and development.

“Rep. Seitz is widely recognized as one of the most hardworking and effective leaders in the Ohio Statehouse,” said Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers. “He has served our state and its people for many years, and we are proud to recognize his continual efforts to improve life for all Ohioans with this award.”

Additionally, two State Senators and two State Representatives were recognized as the 2024 Legislators of the Year: Sen. Hearcel Craig, Sen. Bob Hackett, Rep. Dani Isaacsohn and Rep. Andrea White.

“We are proud to honor these legislators, all of whom have been great advocates for and partners of the business community in 2024,” said Stivers. “They have each gone above and beyond to establish and promote policies that support job creation, innovation and long-term economic growth. Their leadership truly makes a difference for our state’s business owners and residents.”

**Rep. Bill Seitz** currently represents Ohio's 30th House District, which consists of Cheviot, Delhi Township, Green and portions of Cincinnati in Hamilton County. Rep. Seitz also previously served in the Ohio Senate. He has held the position of House Majority Floor Leader since 2017, serving under five different speakers and two interim speakers. Throughout his career, Rep. Seitz has focused on energy, tort reform and other policy areas that affect Ohio's business climate. He has also been a mentor to other policymakers, helping them to learn the Ohio Legislature and navigate their public service careers. After 24 years in the Ohio General Assembly, Rep. Seitz has decided to retire at the end of his current term.

**Sen. Bob Hackett** currently represents Ohio's 10th Senate District, which encompasses all of Clark, Clinton and Greene Counties. He is concluding his second term in the Ohio Senate, which follows his previous four terms of service in the Ohio House where he consistently supported and voted in favor of pro-business policies and regularly received Ohio Chamber PAC endorsements. He has been a partner to the business community as Chairman of both the House and Senate Insurance Committees, and his efforts helped keep Ohio's insurance market among the most competitive in the nation. Sen. Hackett has consistently supported employers on workers' compensation, unemployment compensation and civil justice legislation that improved Ohio's business and legal climates.

**Sen. Hearcel Craig** currently represents Ohio's 15th Senate District, which comprises central Franklin County, and holds the position of Assistant Minority Leader. He is currently in his second term in the Ohio Senate, and the Ohio Chamber PAC was proud to endorse him leading up to his re-election in 2022. Sen. Craig has always been mindful of Ohio's workforce challenges, ranging from housing to discrimination, which he has demonstrated in both his caucus's policy priorities and his own legislative endeavors. As Ranking Member of the Senate Select Committee on Housing, he has worked to ensure that Ohio has available, accessible and affordable housing options for its growing workforce.

**Rep. Andrea White** currently represents Ohio's 36th House District, which includes Kettering, Moraine, Oakwood, Belmont and portions of Dayton in Montgomery County. She has consistently been endorsed by the Ohio Chamber PAC and has consistently voted in favor of pro-business issues. She has worked tirelessly to address Ohio's childcare crisis; she co-chaired the Study Committee on Ohio's Publicly Funded Child Care and Step Up to Quality and sponsored five pieces of legislation to address childcare during this General Assembly. She also worked with the Ohio Chamber on House Bill 24, legislation that the organization initially opposed, and worked to address its areas of concern and lead the Chamber to a position of support.

**Rep. Dani Isaacsohn** currently represents Ohio's 24th House District, which includes almost half of the City of Cincinnati. He also serves as Minority Whip for the Ohio House Democratic Caucus. Leading up to the General Election, the Ohio Chamber PAC was proud

to endorse Rep. Isaacsohn for re-election to the Ohio House. He is passionate about childcare and housing issues, which he has demonstrated by sponsoring House Bill 499, a grant program to stimulate pro-housing policies, and House Bill 570, an Ohio Chamber priority bill that would provide publicly funded childcare benefits to childcare staff members.

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

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