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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President & CEO Steve Stivers following Gov. DeWine's 2025 State of the State address.

"The number one issue we hear from our members is the need for a ready and capable workforce. We appreciate Gov. DeWine's continued commitment to workforce development and to improving our state's business climate, as he described in today's State of the State address.

Whether through regulatory reform, reducing barriers to workforce participation such as mental health disruptions or a lack of childcare, or enhancing work-based learning opportunities for Ohio's students, the business community stands ready to partner with the Administration and the General Assembly on enhancing talent development pipelines across our state and continuing to make Ohio the best place to do business in the nation."

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