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*COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Steve Stivers, President & CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, following today’s announcement of the new JobsOhio Experiential Learning Initiative.*

“We commend Gov. Mike DeWine, Lt. Gov. Jim Tressel and JobsOhio for the newly announced JobsOhio Experiential Learning Initiative. Workforce shortages continue to be one of the greatest barriers facing Ohio employers, and increasingly, businesses are telling us that skill gaps are just as significant a challenge as actual headcount. It’s not just about finding workers anymore; it’s about ensuring they’re prepared for the economy of the future. By expanding opportunities for experiential learning, this initiative will help employers build stronger talent pipelines while also giving Ohioans new opportunities to develop in-demand skills. That’s a win for workers, a win for employers and a win for Ohio’s long-term economic competitiveness.”

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