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## **Ohio Chamber Hosts Energy and Manufacturing Roundtable With Sen. Jon Husted's State Director**

*COLUMBUS, OHIO* – On Friday, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce hosted an energy and manufacturing roundtable featuring Josh Eck, state director for U.S. Senator Jon Husted.

The moderated discussion, which brought together major auto manufacturers, tech, state and local officials, development organizations and others focused on how federal energy tax credits will strengthen Ohio's all-of-the-above energy dominance and keep America competitive.

Ohio Chamber Senior Vice President of Government Affairs Rick Carfagna welcomed the group and highlighted the current landscape in Ohio. "Investments in advanced manufacturing and energy are being made in every corner of the Buckeye state and are serving to revitalize Ohio...The Chamber is eager to see and support the continued growth of these industries that are foundational to our economic growth, national competitiveness and security," said Carfagna.

Common themes expressed by attendees included the need for long-term, strategic investments in the energy sector to enable growth, meet demand and keep the United States competitive with global actors such as China. Drastic and abrupt changes to the federal tax code now would have negative effects on developers of new energy systems as well as those in the automotive and tech sectors.

Attendees highlighted the Buckeye State's competitive advantages, particularly when it comes to resource, infrastructure and workforce availability, and indicated a desire to continue to invest in the state, ensuring the future of the manufacturing renaissance in Ohio. Ohio has seen at least \$18.6 billion committed to clean manufacturing, creating 14,380 jobs for Ohioans. Congress is currently considering a tax bill that would significantly restrict access to energy tax credits meant to increase auto and battery manufacturing in the U.S. Underscored throughout the conversation was a need for consistent federal policy to further develop manufacturing capacity, accomplish reshoring and establish energy independence and national security.

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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