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Taylor Makes Appointments to Small Business Advisory Council

Members will advise Taylor, CSI Ohio on business impact of new rules and regulations

Columbus – Lt. Gov. Mary Taylor today announced her selections to fill five seats on the nine-member Small Business Advisory Council established in state law as part of CSI Ohio: The Common Sense Initiative.

Taylor's appointments are:

- Orlando Alonso, President and General Manager of Columbus Pest Control, Columbus
- Brandon Cohen, President and CEO of Ohio IT Alliance, Toledo
- Richard Fedorovich, CEO of Bober Markey Fedorovich, a CPA firm, Akron
- Michael Flowers, Vice President of KBK Enterprises, a real estate development company, Columbus
- Dan Young, CEO of Young's Jersey Dairy, Yellow Springs

“This is a great group of business leaders from communities across Ohio,” Taylor said. “They possess diverse small-business backgrounds and are able to provide exactly the type of guidance we need as CSI Ohio reviews government rules and regulations and identifies those that place unnecessary burdens on Ohio’s job creators.”

Taylor received nearly 240 applications to fill five seats on the nine-member Small Business Advisory Council. The council was established in Senate Bill 2 (Hughes), which requires each member to possess a small business background and represent businesses of various types, sizes and geographic locations within Ohio. The council is charged with advising the lieutenant governor and CSI Ohio on the adverse impact government rules and regulations have on small businesses and will meet at least quarterly.

In addition to Taylor's five appointments, the president of the Ohio Senate and Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives will each appoint two additional members.

Taylor is leading CSI Ohio, which was launched on January 10, 2011 to reform Ohio's regulatory policies and help make Ohio a jobs and business-friendly state. CSI Ohio will review Ohio's regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation.

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