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**KASICH APPOINTS SEN. JASON WILSON TO LEAD GOVERNOR'S  
OFFICE OF APPALACHIA**

COLUMBUS—Today Governor John R. Kasich announced that Sen. Jason Wilson (D-Columbiana) will become director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, Ohio's lead agency for fostering job creation and development in Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region. Under the direction of Sen. Wilson the Governor's Office of Appalachia will focus aggressively on economic development and workforce development.

Since 2007, Senator Wilson has represented Ohio's 30<sup>th</sup> Senate district, which includes Columbiana, Belmont, Jefferson, Harrison and part of Tuscarawas counties. In the Senate, he served as Assistant Minority Whip and as a member of the Senate Finance Committee. Born and raised in Belmont County, Wilson is the Senior Vice President of Wilson Funeral and Furniture Company, received his bachelor's degree from The Ohio State University and earned an MBA from Wheeling Jesuit University. He lives in Columbiana with his wife Leah and their three children.

As an advocate for Ohio's Appalachian region, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works with the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives.

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