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**Statement of Richard A. Stoff, president and CEO, Ohio Business Roundtable**

**RE: *Chief Executive* magazine's 2013 business climate rankings**

Ohio's dramatic rise this past year in the *Chief Executive* magazine ratings is welcome, but no surprise. Aggressive effort by Governor Kasich and legislative leaders to get Ohio's budget deficit under control, reduce income taxes, transform our education and workforce system, and create the new, business-friendly JobsOhio development agency all address issues that CEOs cite when they make investment decisions. Ohio has risen from 45<sup>th</sup> nationally to 22<sup>nd</sup> in just a few short years. With continued progress, Ohio should soon be in the top ten, and that will mean more and better jobs for Ohio's working men and women.

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