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Madrid New Manager, Political and Candidate Education

COLUMBUS, OH – Merle Madrid, former account executive with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, has been selected as the new manager of the Chamber's Political and Candidate Education (P.a.C.E.) program.

The Ohio Chamber's P.a.C.E. program helps business leaders make informed decisions about political participation by providing them with timely and accurate information about Ohio candidates and elections. The P.a.C.E. program is involved in candidate recruitment and the Ohio Chamber's process for identifying and endorsing pro-business candidates running for the state legislature.

"2010 is going to be an important election year in Ohio and we are happy to have Merle heading up our P.a.C.E. program. He brings great experience and talent to this important Chamber program," said Linda Woggon, the Chamber's Vice President, Governmental Affairs.

Madrid will also oversee the Ohio Chamber's Political Action Committee, as well as manage the P.a.C.E. program's activities on behalf of its Chamber Choice candidates. Madrid can be reached at the Ohio Chamber of Commerce at mmadrid@ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Founded in 1893, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce is Ohio's largest statewide business advocacy group. The Chamber works to promote and protect the interests of its members - large and small - while building a more favorable Ohio business climate.

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