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COLUMBUS – It has long been my honor to represent the families and interests of Cuyahoga County at the state-level. One of my top priorities as your state senator is to keep you informed about the important issues affecting Ohio, while also drawing attention to the happenings here at home.

After serving six years in the Ohio House of Representatives, I joined the Senate in 2008. Since then, I have seen my legislative role grow greatly and have built a number of steadfast relationships with fellow legislators. Recently, my Senate colleagues chose to expand my role once again.

Last month, I was named to a leadership position within the Senate Majority Caucus. As the new Majority Floor Leader, I have assumed the responsibility of crafting and implementing the legislative agenda for our caucus. Clearly, this new position will provide me with a greater level of input regarding the broad scope of issues affecting all Ohioans.

In the Senate, both the majority and minority caucuses are led by their respective leadership teams. Majority leadership is led by the President of the Senate and consists of the President Pro Tempore, Majority Floor Leader, and Majority Whip. Similarly, minority leadership consists of four members as well: the Minority Leader, Assistant Minority Leader, Minority Whip and Assistant Minority Whip.

It is with honor that I take on this new role, and I am truly grateful to have the faith and trust of my fellow senators.

My years of public service have taught me that many of the challenges facing Cuyahoga County are emblematic of what is happening across the state. Undoubtedly, your ideas and perspective will assist me in formulating policy that will benefit all of Ohio's diverse regions.

Thus far in 2011, we have made great strides in rebuilding Ohio's economy and stimulating job growth, but I realize that much work remains. There are still jobs to be created, red tape to be slashed, and waste that needs eliminated. As the new Majority Floor Leader, I plan to continue working with my colleagues to further pave the road to recovery and rebuild Ohio's economy.