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PATTON APPOINTED TO OHIO RAIL DEVELOPMENT COMMISSION

Also reappointed to Ohio Turnpike Commission and Athletic Commission

COLUMBUS— State Senator Tom Patton (R- Strongsville) today announced that he has been appointed to the Ohio Rail Development Commission by Ohio Senate President Tom Niehaus (R- New Richmond). The 15-member panel is tasked with developing, promoting and implementing safe and efficient freight and passenger rail service throughout the state.

“Ohio’s rail system does more than simply move goods and people – it also impacts our ability to attract and retain business and jobs in our state,” said Patton, who also serves as chairman of the Senate Highways and Transportation Committee. “I look forward to working with my colleagues on the Commission to find ways of improving and expanding both our intermodal capabilities and freight rail infrastructure to better connect Ohio with the nation and the world.”

In addition, Niehaus reappointed Patton as a member of the Ohio Turnpike Commission and the Ohio Athletic Commission. The Turnpike Commission deals with all aspects of the operation and maintenance of the 241-mile Ohio Turnpike, while the Athletic Commission adopts, amends or rescinds rules pertaining to public boxing and wrestling matches.

Besides the Highways and Transportation Committee, Patton also serves on several other Senate standing committees, including the Energy and Public Utilities Committee, the Finance Committee and the Ways and Means and Economic Development Committee.