



STATE SENATOR
NINA TURNER

25TH DISTRICT

*****Press Release*****

FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

February 2, 2011

Contact: Mike Rowe

(614) 466-5899

Senator Turner Comments on Governor Kasich's Latest Cabinet Appointment

Columbus –State Senator Nina Turner (D-Cleveland) released the following statement today after Governor John Kasich selected Michael Colbert to lead the Department of Jobs and Family Services. Colbert is the first minority to join Governor Kasich's cabinet.

"Governor Kasich's appointment of Michael Colbert to head the Department of Job and Family Services is an important first step to ensuring that all Ohioans – regardless of race or gender – have a seat at the decision-making table.

"Having made this stride, I believe it remains imperative that this Governor continues to work to ensure that diversity, inclusion and fairness extends to all levels of his administration so that the mosaic of Ohio's over 11 million people is both represented and respected in our government.

"I am pleased the Governor's comments today echoed my earlier statements that diversity provides different points of view that are critical in making decisions about our state's future. This one appointment should be just the beginning of an ongoing commitment to a truly representative government."