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**Ohio Chamber Research Foundation Presents Visionary Leader Award
to JobsOhio President & CEO J.P. Nauseef**



COLUMBUS, OHIO – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce Research Foundation presented its prestigious Visionary Leader Award to J.P. Nauseef, President and CEO of JobsOhio, during the third annual Research Foundation Benefit Gala on November 20. The award recognizes transformative leadership that elevates Ohio's long-term economic competitiveness.

"J.P. Nauseef is a transformational leader whose vision has positioned Ohio as one of the most competitive states in the country," said Steve Stivers, President & CEO of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce. "His commitment to innovation, transparency and partnership has strengthened our business climate and created opportunities for workers and communities in every corner of the state."

Since his appointment in 2019, Nauseef has led JobsOhio to national recognition as a model for effective, innovation-driven economic development. Under his leadership, JobsOhio launched

12 strategic initiatives to expand Ohio's workforce, strengthen key industries and accelerate statewide growth.

JobsOhio has tripled its impact investment funding to over \$500 million annually, earned the Candid Platinum Seal of Transparency, and consistently achieved top-tier Net Promoter Scores. Ohio's economic momentum has followed: in 2025, the state ranked #5 nationally and #1 in the Midwest as a Top State for Business, and it has remained in the Top 5 for project wins for six consecutive years.

Nauseef's tenure has also delivered some of Ohio's most consequential economic development victories, including Anduril, Intel's historic \$28 billion investment, Joby Aviation, and Honda-LG Energy Solution. Since 2019, JobsOhio-supported projects have generated \$90 billion in capital investment, 153,000 new jobs and \$8.7 billion in payroll.

Before joining JobsOhio, Nauseef served as Executive Chairman and Co-Founder of Krush Media and as President & CEO of the Dayton Development Coalition, where he led major expansions at Wright-Patterson Air Force Base, doubling employment and quadrupling regional economic impact. An Air Force veteran, he co-founded Hometown Heroes and The Big Hoopla, initiatives that have supported more than 200,000 service members and their families.

The Ohio Chamber is the state's leading business advocate, representing thousands of companies across all industries. Our mission is to aggressively champion free enterprise, economic competitiveness, and growth for the benefit of all Ohioans.

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