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### **OHIO CHAMBER CALLS ON DUNN TO DENOUNCE FALSE DEMOCRATIC PARTY MAILERS**

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce today called on Darlene Dunn of Sylvania, Democratic candidate for state representative, to denounce a factually inaccurate campaign mailing that voters in the 46<sup>th</sup> House District recently received. The mailing misrepresents Rep. Barbara Sears' position on job training and workforce development funding. Rep. Sears is Dunn's opponent in the upcoming election. The Chamber also asked Dunn to ask the Ohio Democratic Party, which paid for the mailer, to refrain from sending out to voters any more pieces that stretch the truth in this fashion.

"The mailpiece voters received contains an accusation that is just plain false. That's why the Ohio Chamber is calling on Darlene Dunn to do the right thing and publicly denounce this misleading attack," said Keith Lake, the Chamber's director of political and candidate education. "By remaining silent, Dunn is giving her unspoken endorsement to these types of deceptive, win-at-any-cost campaign tactics."

The source cited by the mailpiece as evidence of this allegation is a candidate questionnaire developed jointly by the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and three other statewide business organizations.

"Voters want and deserve a serious, thoughtful discussion of the important issues affecting employers, their employees, and our economy. That's why we ask candidates to fill out our questionnaire," Lake noted. "When, after responding, their answers are twisted in order to create a false impression, candidates naturally become reluctant to tell anyone what they really think. In the end, voters are the ones who lose."

The mailing sent by the Ohio Democratic Party to voters in the 46<sup>th</sup> House district isn't the first one this election season to attempt to mislead voters using mischaracterizations or distortions of the responses candidates have given on the Chamber's questionnaire. That's why the Chamber has created a website, [www.OhioBusinessVotes.org/GetTheFacts.asp](http://www.OhioBusinessVotes.org/GetTheFacts.asp), to set the record straight and give voters somewhere to go to learn the facts.