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## Kristen Easterday joins Columbus Regional Airport Authority as Director, Government Affairs

COLUMBUS – The Columbus Regional Airport Authority has announced that Kristen Easterday will join the organization as Director, Government Affairs. She most recently served as Vice President, Government Relations for the Columbus Chamber of Commerce.

"With her wealth of experience in government relations and established community connections, Kristen will serve as a knowledgeable and enthusiastic representative of the Columbus Regional Airport Authority," said Elaine Roberts, President & CEO of Columbus Regional Airport Authority. "She has a strong reputation in her field of expertise in the Central Ohio government, business and economic development communities and I believe she will become an invaluable asset to the organization."

Easterday's past experience involved representing Chamber business members in a variety of capacities including within the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's Public Policy Roundtable, the United Way of Central Ohio's Public Policy Committee, The Mayor's Green Team, and Columbus City Council's Small Business Roundtable.

In her new role at CRAA, Kristen will be responsible for the development and execution of government relations strategies and the day-to-day management of government relations issues at the local and state levels.

Kristen will begin her new position on June 20.

## **About the Columbus Regional Airport Authority**

With its vision to connect Ohio with the world, the <u>Columbus Regional Airport Authority</u> oversees the operation of passenger-focused <u>Port Columbus International Airport</u> (CMH), cargo-focused <u>Rickenbacker International Airport</u> (LCK), and general aviation airport Bolton Field (TZR). An independent economic impact study found that the three airports and select businesses with direct ties to the airports account for more than 54,000 jobs, \$1.8 billion in annual payroll and \$6.6 billion in total annual economic output. Learn more at <u>columbusairports.com</u>.