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Advocates for Ohio's Future Announces Leadership Transition

COLUMBUS – Will Petrik, State Director of Advocates for Ohio's Future since 2012, stepped down to pursue new opportunities in his local community of Columbus, Ohio, effective January 1, 2015.

"We are grateful for the passion for advocacy and dedication to improving the lives of Ohioans that Will brought to his work with Advocates for Ohio's Future," said Mark Davis, Co-Chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future. "During Will's time as State Director our coalition has grown and together we have gained key investments in health and human services and raised awareness of the important role that public policy plays in strengthening Ohio's families and communities."

The leadership and co-chairs of Advocates for Ohio's Future wish Mr. Petrik well as he continues to work for strong families and communities at the local level. "Will has been a strong voice for state priorities that strengthen Ohioans," said Col Owens, Co-Chair of Advocates for Ohio's Future. "I am confident that he will continue to have a big impact in his community."

To support the coalition during this time of transition, Gail Clendenin has been appointed Interim State Director. Ms. Clendenin has been the Communications Director of Advocates for Ohio's Future since 2012. During her time with Advocates for Ohio's Future, Ms. Clendenin has worked closely with coalition partners on policy development, message management and outreach activities to promote AOF's advocacy efforts.

"We are pleased to have Gail guiding the coalition as we prepare for the state budget process," said Davis. "Gail has been deeply involved in our work and with her support I am confident that AOF will remain focused on its advocacy priorities for 2015."

Advocates for Ohio's Future will conduct a search in early 2015 to fill the State Director position.