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Speaker Larry Householder  
Minority Leader Emilia Sykes  
77 S. High Street  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Speaker Householder and Leader Sykes,

LeadingAge Ohio is partnering with our national affiliate, LeadingAge, as well as the Gerontological Society of America, AHCA/NCAL, and Argentum on 'Careers in Aging Week' this week, April 19-25.

While typically this week is used as an opportunity to highlight the vast array of careers in aging services and post-acute care through job fairs and site visits, during the COVID-19 pandemic we are shifting focus to honoring the heroic individuals who work in this field and attempting to connect out-of-work individuals in Ohio to jobs assisting elders. There are many openings in aging services on the [COVID-19 \(Coronavirus\) Job Search website](#), including hundreds with our members Ohio Living (statewide), National Church Residences (Columbus), Eliza Jennings (Cleveland), and more.

As the leaders of the Ohio House of Representatives, LeadingAge Ohio respectfully requests that the chamber considers highlighting 'Careers in Aging Week'. We appreciate past recognition given to long-term care providers on the frontlines by state leaders. Those mentions have certainly given the aging services workforce a boost, and this is a great opportunity to do so again. We also encourage social media participation using the hashtag #CareersInAging.

LeadingAge has provided sample social media posts, which you are welcome to use or be inspired by, as part of the [LeadingAge Careers in Aging Week toolkit](#).

Kind regards,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kathryn Lasley Brod".

Kathryn Lasley Brod  
President/CEO