



Jason Wilson

**Governor's Office of Appalachia
Director**

Ohio Development Services Agency

In November of 2011, Governor John R. Kasich appointed Jason Wilson (D-Columbiana) director of the Governor's Office of Appalachia, Ohio's lead agency for fostering job creation and development in Ohio's 32-county Appalachian region.

Under the direction of Wilson, the Governor's Office of Appalachia is focusing aggressively on economic development and workforce development.

Prior to his appointment, Wilson represented Ohio's 30th Senate district, which includes Columbiana, Belmont, Jefferson, Harrison, and part of Tuscarawas counties. In the Senate, he served as Assistant Minority Whip and as a member of the Senate Finance Committee.

Born and raised in Belmont County, Wilson is the Senior Vice President of Wilson Funeral and Furniture Company, received his Bachelor of Arts degree from The Ohio State University, and earned a Master of Business Administration from Wheeling Jesuit University. He lives in Columbiana with his wife Leah and their three children.

As an advocate for Ohio's Appalachian region, the Governor's Office of Appalachia works with the Appalachian Regional Commission in Washington, D.C. to promote the region's assets and support local, regional, state, and federal initiatives.

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