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**Ohio County Officials Participate in White House Leadership Conference to Strengthen Local-Federal Collaboration**

WASHINGTON, D.C. – INSERT COUNTY Council Member INSERT NAME joined more than 60 county leaders from across Ohio in Washington this week to participate in the 2025 White House Leadership Conference, hosted by the White House Office of Intergovernmental Affairs in partnership with the National Association of Counties (NACo).

The event underscores the administration’s commitment to supporting counties and strengthening the relationship between federal and local governments. The convening gave Ohio’s county commissioners and executives the opportunity to speak directly with White House officials and cabinet secretaries about the real-world challenges their communities are facing — and how federal-local collaboration can help solve them.

[QUOTE PLACEHOLDER: "Being here in Washington gives us a chance to share the real-life impact of federal policies on our communities," said Commissioner [Full Name], [County Name]. "It’s critical that county leaders have a seat at the table, and this event makes that possible."]

The White House’s broader State Leadership Conference initiative is designed to elevate local voices in national policy discussions.

Throughout the day, participants engaged with top-level federal officials including Commerce Secretary Howard Lutnick, Labor Secretary Lori Chavez-DeRemer, and Housing and Urban Development Secretary Scott Turner. In addition, briefings were delivered by representatives from the Departments of Agriculture, Transportation, and Justice, who provided policy updates and answered questions directly from county leaders.

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Discussions covered a wide range of pressing issues, including:

* Economic trends and workforce development
* Trade and global competitiveness
* Transportation and infrastructure needs
* Affordable housing and homelessness
* Immigration and border communities
* Agricultural innovation and rural support

White House officials emphasized their dedication to maintaining open lines of communication with local governments and working side by side with county officials to identify practical, community-driven solutions.

Attendees also visited the Vice President’s Executive Office Building, where they met with a senior member of Vice President Vance’s team to discuss shared priorities.

Many commissioners also took the opportunity to meet with members of their Congressional delegation to continue important conversations about federal support for local initiatives.

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