



## Community Bankers Association of Ohio Announces the Retirement of Robert L. Palmer

Columbus, OH, May 20, 2022 – The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) announces that Robert Palmer will retire as CEO after more than two decades of leading the Association.

In March 2001, Robert L. Palmer stepped into the role of leading CBAO and serving the community bankers of Ohio. Over the past 21 years, Bob has worked tirelessly to move the Association forward and has always passionately represented Ohio community banking and its core values.

“Bob’s passion for Ohio community banking has been an inspiration to so many,” said Aza Bittinger Jr., President/COO of CBAO. “He has left a lasting impact on the industry and will truly be missed.”

“On behalf of the Association and the Ohio community banking industry, I want to personally thank Bob for his years of dedication and service at CBAO.” said Tracey Craig, CBAO Chairman and the President and Chief Executive Officer of Woodsfield Savings Bank. “Our association would not be what it is today without his leadership, and his impact will continue to guide us as we move forward.”

### About CBAO

The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is the financial trade association exclusively representing Ohio’s community bank and thrift institutions. The Community Bankers Association of Ohio (CBAO) is organized to establish and maintain an informed network of independent community banks in the state of Ohio that will have the influence and commitment to effectively serve, protect and promote the interests of its members. Visit [www.cbao.com](http://www.cbao.com) for more information.

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