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**KASICH AND GERMAN AMBASSADOR DISCUSS ECONOMIC OPPORTUNITIES
FOR OHIO AND GERMANY**



COLUMBUS – Ohio Gov. John Kasich and German Ambassador Peter Wittig met today at the Statehouse to discuss opportunities for increased investment and trade between German and Ohio companies. After a private meeting—during which Kasich presented Wittig with a football signed by Ohio State football great Archie Griffin—Kasich and Wittig met with leaders from German companies with operations in Ohio. Earlier in the

day Wittig gave a speech to the Columbus Metropolitan Club on the importance of the strong relationship between the United States and Germany. It was the recently-installed ambassador's first trip to Ohio.

Germany is a major international investor in Ohio, with more than 22,000 Ohioans employed by German-based companies including Boehringer Ingelheim, Behr, Siemens, BASF, ThyssenKrupp and others.

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