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**Taylor, Ohio's Common Sense Initiative Help Small Business  
Expand to Accommodate Shale Boom**

**Columbus** – Lt. Governor Mary Taylor today announced that Ohio's Common Sense Initiative (CSI) and the Department of Commerce worked together to solve permitting issues hindering Chef's Table, located in Columbiana County, from expanding.

"Like many other businesses in the area, Chef's Table has benefitted greatly from the increased traffic in Columbiana County," said Taylor. "Through CSI, we were able to make it a priority for the proper permits to be issued so this small business could stay open for the holidays and create new jobs."

When brother and sister Glenn and Kristen Huston, owners of Chef's Table, made the decision to grow, they needed to expand into an adjacent building. The proposed expansion created complex permitting issues under the state's building code, administered by the Department of Commerce. In late 2012, CSI helped Chef's Table obtain a temporary permit to remain open during the holiday season by facilitating the involvement of experts from Commerce. With the additional space, the staff has increased by four and nearly 40 seats have been added. In February, a waiver was granted by the State Board of Building Appeals, allowing the restaurant to obtain its certificate of occupancy.

"We would not be where we are today without CSI's help to get the wheels turning and the hard work of the Department of Commerce," said Kristen Huston, co-owner of Chef's Table. "The community has been very positive about the expansion, but without CSI, we would probably have given up on the whole project."

Launched on Jan. 10, 2011 by the Kasich Administration and placed under the leadership of Lt. Governor Mary Taylor, CSI is reforming Ohio's regulatory policies and helping make Ohio a jobs- and business-friendly state. CSI reviews Ohio's regulatory system to eliminate excessive and duplicative rules and regulations that stand in the way of job creation.

Ohioans with ideas on cutting red tape are encouraged to visit [www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI](http://www.governor.ohio.gov/CSI), "like" Ohio's Common Sense Initiative on Facebook, and follow @CSI\_Ohio on Twitter.

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