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### **Children's Defense Fund-Ohio Welcomes Jim Weiler to its Ohio Advisory Board**

**COLUMBUS** – The [Children's Defense Fund-Ohio](http://www.childrensdefense.org) is proud to announce that Dr. Jim Weiler, of The Robert Weiler Company, will join its Ohio Advisory Board. The Robert Weiler Company has been an integral part of commercial real estate development in Columbus, Ohio for decades and is well-known for its numerous charitable contributions to Central Ohio communities.

“The Children's Defense Fund is an important organization with amazing people on the national and state level,” says Jim Weiler with The Robert Weiler Company. “They are advocates for the most vulnerable while focusing on the necessary policies to improve the lives of children in need. I am honored to be a part of such a dynamic group.”

Jim recently joined his father and brother in the Robert Weiler Company promoting real estate development that is environmentally responsible and affordable. Previously, Jim had a career as an educator. He was a teacher in Washington DC public schools for six years. He also was a professor in teacher education at Ashland University in Columbus, Zimbabwe Open University, and for eleven years at the University of Education, Winneba (UEW) in Ghana, West Africa. He has earned degrees from the University of California, Santa Cruz (BA in Community Studies and Graduate Teaching Certificate); Harvard Graduate School of Education (MEd in International Education); Michigan State University (PhD in Teacher Education); University of Cincinnati Law School (JD).

“We are deeply grateful for Jim's commitment to our community and CDF will greatly benefit from his insights and expertise in education,” says Dr. Tracy Nájera, Executive Director of Children's Defense Fund-Ohio.

“We are thrilled to have Jim Weiler, a champion of children's issues, join the Children's Defense Fund-Ohio Advisory Board,” adds Amy Clubbs, Board Chair of the Advisory Board. “His commitment to the community and to our children and his belief in the mission of CDF makes him the perfect fit for the board.”

Mr. Weiler, in his role on the CDF-Ohio Advisory Board, will help guide and advance the policy priorities of the organization and add his voice to inform the needs of children and families in Ohio.

*Mr. Weiler joins the Ohio Advisory Board, which includes:*

Amy S. Clubbs, Board Chair, Principal and Vice President, Catalyst Solutions

Craig S. Diaz, Senior Director of Development, Equitas Health

David Doyle, Partner, Deloitte Consulting, LLP

Dr. Randy Leite, Executive Director, Appalachian Children's Coalition

The Honorable Bob Taft, Former Governor of the State of Ohio and Distinguished Research Associate, The University of Dayton

Michael Taylor, Senior Vice President, West Territory Executive PNC Bank

Dr. Jim Weiler, The Robert Weiler Companies

Yolanda Zepeda, Associate Vice Provost, the Office of Diversity and Inclusion, The Ohio State University

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