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## **Senator Obhof tours RICO Facilities and Discusses Jobs**

### **FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**(August 31, 2011– Medina, Ohio)** [RICO Manufacturing](#) welcomed a visit from State Senator Larry Obhof of the 22<sup>nd</sup> District today. Senator Obhof visited RICO's manufacturing facility to learn more about the family owned company that started in Medina Ohio over 20 years ago.

Much of the discussion centered on the creation of jobs in Ohio and how Ohio must position itself to compete for those jobs against other states. Included in the discussions were Medina City Mayor Hanwell, Debra Lynn-Schmitz from the Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce and a host of prominent members from the local business community.

RICO president Dave Mueller shared with the group a recent success story about the company bringing jobs from Texas to Ohio. "Last year our private equity company completed an investment in a startup firm that is located just outside of Dallas, Texas. As part of this transaction, RICO entered into an exclusive manufacturing agreement that would have all the firms products built in Medina Ohio."

According to Mueller, "We're proud to have taken manufacturing jobs away from Texas and brought them to Ohio. It's a success story you don't hear too often these days. Usually its Texas winning the battle for jobs."

This new product line follows a main theme in the RICO business plan - growth through diversification. RICO demonstrated the new ErgoNurse® product to Senator Obhof as part of his plant tour.

The ErgoNurse® is a "No-Lift" solution for the problems faced by caregivers in hospitals, nursing homes and home health. Hospitals using the ErgoNurse® to complete a "no lift" environment eliminated all staff injuries and reduced workers compensation claims involving patient bed transfers, patient repositioning and patient lifting.

### **About Senator Obhof**

*Senator Larry Obhof is serving his first term in the Ohio Senate, where he proudly represents the families of the 22nd Senate District, encompassing Medina, Holmes and Wayne counties and portions of Ashland County.*

### **About RICO**

*RICO is proud to be fabricators of the world's finest [specialty lift trucks](#). RICO has pioneered the design, development, and manufacturing of specialized lift trucks and material handling equipment with capacities ranging from 3,000 to 400,000 lbs*

### **About ErgoNurse**

*The ErgoNurse® saves caregivers from back and shoulder injuries protects patients from acquiring pressure ulcers and saves hospitals millions of dollars in injury related expenses. The ErgoNurse® solves the two biggest safety problems faced by caregivers, manually pulling patients up in bed and turning patients. Please visit [www.ErgoNurse.com](http://www.ErgoNurse.com) for more information.*

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