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A native of New Richmond, Ohio, Sonya is looking forward to working to address substance abuse issues in the area in which she grew up. She is married with two daughters and enjoys golf, gardening and cheering for The Ohio State Buckeyes.

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