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Kerstin Sjoberg's commitment to justice and civil rights has guided her entire career. Named Executive Director of Disability Rights Ohio in January 2020, Sjoberg is focused on ensuring her team helps Ohioans with disabilities tackle daily barriers while also eliminating or preventing those barriers through systemic legal and policy advocacy.

Sjoberg seamlessly transitioned from her previous role as DRO's Director of Advocacy and Assistant Executive Director where she expanded the strategic vision for the organization's advocacy work by utilizing both successful class action lawsuits and public policy campaigns. Sjoberg served as the lead attorney in the community integration class action lawsuit, *Ball vs. DeWine*. The settlement in that case will better inform Ohioans with development disabilities about their options for living and working in the community.

Under Sjoberg's leadership today, DRO stands at the forefront of the COVID-19 crisis, vigorously advocating on behalf of individuals with disabilities and ensuring policymakers understand and integrate a disability perspective in Ohio's COVID-19 response. This includes leading the charge to protect equal access to care, helping Ohio families navigate school closures and its impact on special education services and working collaboratively with its partners to reduce the ongoing dangers COVID-19 presents within Ohio's correctional settings.