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The Honorable Tom Brinkman  
Chairman, Insurance Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street, 11<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
*Via Email: Josh.Miller@ohiohouse.gov*

RE: House Bill 27

Dear Chairman Brinkman:

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I write to you in support of the Substitute House Bill 27. In addition to supporting the Bureau of Workers' Compensation's sound fiscal management and recent rate reductions as expressed in our prior letter, the Ohio Chamber supports a key policy change now included in the legislation.

The Ohio Chamber greatly supports language included in the substitute version of the bill that decreases the statute of limitations to file a workers' compensation claim following an injury from two years to one year. Early reporting of an injury leads to faster treatment and better outcomes for all parties. This will increase efficiency and provide greater predictability in the workers' compensation setting. Further, this provision does not change the statute of limitations for occupational diseases that may develop over a longer period of time.

This change is good for Ohio's businesses, employees, and the workers' compensation system. The Ohio Chamber supports passage of Substitute House Bill 27 but may have further comments on any additional amendments in the future. Thank you for your consideration.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Boyd", written over a white background.

Don Boyd  
Director, Labor & Legal Affairs  
Ohio Chamber of Commerce