



HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES  
REPRESENTATIVE TIM SCHAFFER  
HOUSE DISTRICT 77

**House Ways and Means Committee**

**March 9, 2017 – Minutes**

*Statehouse Room 121*

Chairman Schaffer called the meeting of the House Ways and Means Committee to order at 9:03 AM on March 9, 2017. The roll was called; a quorum was not present.

Chairman Schaffer called House Bill 49 for its fourth informal hearing.

Testimony was given by the following individuals:

- Commissioner Joe Testa, Marj Kruse and Charles Rhilinger, Ohio Department of Taxation

At this time, a quorum was present and the minutes from the committee meeting held on March 7, 2017 were read and approved without objection.

Testimony continued and was provided by the following individuals:

- Ron Graff, Columbiana Foods Inc.
- Kristin Mullins, Ohio Grocers Assoc. (Opponent)
- Gary Kuns, Speedway (Opponent) (All provisions)
- Jeff Kathman, Cincy Vapors (Opponent) (Vapor)
- James Jarvis, Ohio Vapor Trade Assoc (Opponent) (Vapor)
- Sarah Rutland, Top Notch Vapor (Opponent) (Vapor)
- Frank Cahall, Alt Smoke (Opponent) (Vapor)
- Scott Eley, VaporCast LLC. and NicQuid LLC (Opponent) (Vapor)
- Tony Abboud, Vapor Technology Assoc (Opponent) (Vapor)
- Will Vorys, on behalf of MillerCoors (Opponent) (Beer)
- Mary MacDonald, Ohio Craft Brewers Assoc (Opponent) (Beer)
- Jacob Evans, Wholesale Beer and Wine (Opponent) (Beer, Wine)
- Jeff Stephens, American Cancer Society Cancer Action Network (IP) (Tobacco)
- Micah Berman, Ohio State University (IP) (Tobacco)
- Dr. William Cotton, OH Chapter of American Academy of Pediatrics (Proponent) (Tobacco)
- Amy Bush Stevens, Health Policy Institute of Ohio (IP) (Tobacco)
- Will Vorys, on behalf of Compton Point, Inc. (Opponent) (Tobacco)
- Beth Wymer, Ohio Wholesale Marketers Assoc (Opponent) (Tobacco)
- Jeff Erb, Ohio Assoc of Convenience Stores (Opponent) (All provisions)
- Gregory Wellinhoff, Keilson Dayton Company (Opponent) (Tobacco)

Written testimony was also provided to the committee by the following individuals:

- Wine Institute (opponent)
- Greg Conley, American Vaping Association (opponent)
- DP Suresh, MD (IP)
- Chris Hughes, Fat Cat Vapor Shop LLC (opponent)
- Alex Clark, Consumer Advocates for Smoke Free Alternatives Association (opponent)
- Ken Fletcher, American Lung Association (proponent)
- Allyson Blandford, March of Dimes (proponent)
- Ohio State Medical Assoc (proponent)
- Bob Bonder, Rhineghiest Brewery (opponent)
- Amy Barkley, Campaign for Tobacco-Free Kids (proponent)
- David Newman (Opponent)

With no further questions, the fourth informal hearing on House Bill 49 was concluded.

With no further business before the committee, the House Ways and Means Committee adjourned at 4:28 PM.

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Chairman

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Secretary