



December 6, 2017

The Honorable Tim Schaffer, Chairman  
Ohio House Ways & Means Committee  
77 S. High St., 11<sup>th</sup> floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Re: SB 226 Sales Tax Holiday

Dear Chairman Schaffer:

Earlier this year, the General Assembly passed SB 9 known as the sales tax holiday bill. The tax holiday exempted clothes priced up to \$75, and school supplies and instruction materials priced up to \$20 from sales tax.

Reducing taxes in one of the most obvious tools available from policy makers to help people stretch their budgets. We have already seen last year's sales tax holiday results and it certainly helped Ohioans. Unfortunately, this year's sales tax holiday was only for one year program. SB 226 would preserve this sales tax holiday permanently. The current sales tax holiday bill is a revenue neutral means for state government to reduce consumer taxes and increase economic activity.

As noted in previous testimony, 18 other states have sales tax holidays, and their track record convinces us that making Ohio sales tax holiday permanent will continue to grow and promote retailers and consumers anticipate it. The Ohio Restaurant Association encourages you to support SB 226.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Joseph Rosato".

Joseph Rosato  
Director of Government Affairs