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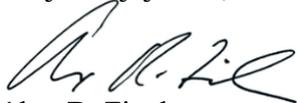
Dear Chairman Hambley, Vice Chair Patton and Ranking Member Brown:

The Columbus Partnership offers our sincere support of Substitute House Bill 606, which grants civil immunity to a person who provides services for essential businesses and operations for injury, death, or loss that was caused by the transmission of COVID-19 during the period of emergency order that was issued on March 9, 2020.

The Columbus Partnership is a non-profit, membership-based leadership organization of 75 chairpersons, chief executive officers, and senior executives from the region's leading businesses and institutions. Our members include 15 Fortune 1000 CEOs, as well as the leaders of the nation's largest university and world's largest research and development organization. As our community and businesses across the State of Ohio prepare to re-open, we must ensure that companies have the ability to safely participate in the economy without fear of punishment for potential COVID-19 transmissions that are out of their control or purview.

Our organization's mission is to provide a long-term vision for achieving greater economic prosperity and we have positioned Columbus to be one of the strongest environments to attract businesses and investment in the world. This bill will serve as a model for leaders across the state and country as we work to ensure that individuals who provide services for essential businesses and operations have the ability to preserve public peace, health and safety. With the current economic development landscape being more competitive than ever, it is important that this bill is passed and utilized as a competitive advantage for job creation in Ohio. The passage of Sub. HB 606 will give businesses across the State of Ohio the ability to return to work and continue to grow our economy in a safe way that will best serve companies, employees and customers.

Very truly yours,



Alex R. Fischer  
President and CEO

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