



June 9, 2020

The Honorable Scott Wiggam  
Chair, Ohio House Insurance Committee  
77 South High Street, 13<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Wiggam:

I am writing on behalf of the nearly 22,000 governing members of the Ohio NFIB to express our support for House Bill 621. I would be remiss if I did not thank joint sponsors Representatives Cross and Wilkin. I appreciate the opportunity to provide comments.

By way of background, a typical NFIB member employs 20 or fewer and has less than \$2 million in annual sales. Our members come from all industries, and we look like any Main Street in your legislative districts.

Our support for House Bill 621 is based upon an amendment we believe will be added that removing portions of the bill related to "products." The amended bill will allow any business to remain open or reopen that can demonstrate compliance with any safety precautions a government order or regulation requires of businesses permitted to continue operations.

During the current pandemic, many of our members were required to shut their doors. These closures had a significant economic impact on these businesses and their employees. Going forward, all businesses deserve the opportunity to demonstrate they can comply with government safety precautions and remain open in the event of another public health crisis. We know there will be many that will welcome the chance to do just so.

We believe House Bill 621 will afford all businesses the opportunity to remain or reopen during a future public health crisis. We urge your support of this legislation.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Christopher J. Ferruso".

Christopher J. Ferruso  
Ohio Legislative Director