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The Honorable Matt Dolan
Finance Chairman, The Ohio Senate
Ohio Statehouse, First Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Dolan:

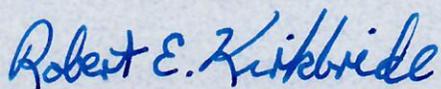
I urge you to provide leadership and to take all necessary action to maintain the Business Investor Deduction (BID) in its present form.

Ohio competes with every other state in the nation for the businesses that produce gross domestic product. Many of the most competitive states have no state income tax and, without exception, are also right-to-work states. Except for Pennsylvania, Ohio is now surrounded by right-to-work states. The BID has been an important balancing factor for Ohio's entrepreneurs and job creators to keep their businesses in Ohio instead of jumping a border to a greener pasture.

The BID has enabled Marietta Ventures to offer a health insurance plan to its employees for the first time and also to increase employee compensation.

The laws of supply and demand work for taxes also – the more governments tax an activity the less of it that will occur. If Ohio wants less economic production and job creation from its entrepreneurs, the proposed changes to the BID would be a great way to achieve those objections.

Sincerely,



Robert E. Kirkbride
Owner