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

Dear Chairman Dolan,

We are small business owners in the Dayton area. The United States Bureau of Labor Statistics says that since the end of the last recession, small businesses have created 62% of all net new private sector jobs. Small businesses employ nearly half of Ohioans in the private sector.

In the April NFIB Jobs Report, it was reported that 24% of small business owners cited the difficulty of finding qualified workers as their single most important business problem. Hiring is now identified as the top issue currently for members of NFIB. Our company has been in business since approximately 1955. We have hired a couple new employees in the last year and would like to hire a couple more. But, we are having trouble finding qualified people who want to work. This is a big problem not only for our company, but for so many others that we talk to.

We are very concerned about the Business Investor Deduction that was included in the House Budget Bill. This will reduce from \$250,000 to \$100,000 the amount of business income pass-through entities may deduct from their Ohio taxes. This change is a massive tax shift placed on the back of Ohio's entrepreneurs and job creators to the tune of over \$1 billion over the two year budget cycle. The income tax cut will not offset the loss of the BID.

We are encouraging the Ohio Senate to pull this provision and take the time to study the impact it will have on Ohio's economy. In our opinion, this issue is too important to Ohio's small business owners and should be considered very carefully.

Thank you for your time and attention to this serious matter.

Sincerely,

Joseph E. Buschur *Rosemarie M. Buschur*

Mr. & Mrs. Joseph Buschur