



Ohio Small Business Council

March 13, 2019

The Honorable Bob Hackett
Chairman, Ohio Senate Insurance and Financial Institutions Committee
Statehouse
1 Capitol Square
Columbus, Ohio 43215

RE: Senate Bill 9 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Hackett:

On behalf of the Ohio Small Business Council, I write to you in support of Senate Bill 9; legislation that would require a health plan issuer to release to each group policyholder monthly claims data.

The Ohio Small Business Council is one of eight standing committees of the Ohio Chamber and serves to promote and protect the establishment, growth and vitality of small business in Ohio. Members of this council are business owners who employ less than 400 people, many of them having much less than that.

The cost of healthcare is one of, if not the top expense for a business. We believe this bill will help small businesses by allowing those with 50 or more full-time employees to access more data as they make their decision about which health plan they will choose.

However, we would like to see the threshold go below 50 full-time employees in order to capture and assist more small businesses. Nevertheless, we do believe this serves as a positive step forward and urge you to support Senate Bill 9.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of Senate Bill 9 at kboehner@ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Boehner".

Kevin Boehner
Director, Ohio Small Business Council