



March 3, 2015

Senator Frank LaRose
Chair, Ohio Senate State & Local Government Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, 2nd Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman LaRose:

I am writing in support of Senate Bill 26, legislation sponsored by Senator Larry Obhof that will reduce certain business filings in Ohio. We also would like to commend Secretary of State Jon Husted for his commitment to helping Ohio become more business friendly.

As President of the Ohio Grocers Association, I proudly represent nearly 400 food retailers, wholesalers and suppliers across the state. My members range from the largest chain stores to the smallest "mom and pop" independent grocers as well as the wholesalers who supply these stores.

With an average net profit margin in the grocery business at a mere 1.5%, our members certainly understand the hurdles of starting and growing their business in Ohio. To that end, a 21% business filing fee reduction is a valuable savings that will foster additional investment in the future. Additionally, by allowing Ohio employers full access to the OhioMeansJobs website, our members save valuable time in the hiring process and gain important hiring process skills.

Again, we applaud Senator Obhof as well as the Secretary of State for their strong leadership on this legislation. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Nate Filler", with a long horizontal stroke extending to the right.

Nate Filler
President/CEO

cc: President Keith Faber
Senator Larry Obhof
Secretary of State Jon Husted