



The Honorable John Eklund
Chairman, Senate Ways & Means Committee
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Eklund,

My name is David Redfield, Senior Vice President for Walmart's Northeast Division. On behalf of Walmart and our 50,000 associates in Ohio, I am writing to express our support for Senate Bill 226: establishing a permanent Back to School Sales Tax Holiday.

As we saw with the temporary Sales Tax Holiday in 2015, 2016 and again this year, the measure provides a much needed tax break to hard-working Ohio families. Walmart participates in sales tax holidays around the country and we know our customers enjoy the additional savings during these holidays. In states with Sales Tax Holidays, we see a significant increase in customer traffic and sales during the Back-to-School Season.

Sales Tax Holidays are good for customers, the state, and all retailers, large and small. Walmart is excited about the possibility of making the Sales Tax Holiday in Ohio permanent and we encourage you and your fellow committee members to support Senate Bill 226.

Sincerely,

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David Redfield
Walmart
SVP, Northeast Division