

May 18, 2020

Senator John Eklund
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square
1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215


Dear Chairman Eklund, Vice Chair Manning and Ranking Minority Member Thomas:

The Columbus Partnership offers our sincere support of Senate Bill 308, which revises the law governing immunity from civil liability and professional discipline for health care providers during disasters or emergencies and provides qualified civil immunity to service providing services during and after a government-declared disaster.

The Columbus Partnership is a non-profit, membership-based leadership organization of 75 chairpersons, chief executive officers, and senior executives from the region's leading businesses and institutions. Our members include 15 Fortune 1000 CEOs, as well as the leaders of the nation's largest university and world's largest research and development organization. As our community and businesses across the State of Ohio prepare to re-open, we must ensure that companies have the ability to safely participate in the economy without fear of punishment for potential COVID-19 transmissions that are out of their control or purview.

Our organization's mission is to provide a long-term vision for achieving greater economic prosperity and we have positioned Columbus to be one of the strongest environments to attract businesses and investment in the world. This bill will serve as a model for leaders across the state and country as we work to ensure that individuals who provide services for essential businesses and operations have the ability to preserve public peace, health and safety. With the current economic development landscape being more competitive than ever, it is important that this bill is passed and utilized as a competitive advantage for job creation in Ohio. The passage of SB 308 will give businesses across the State of Ohio the ability to return to work and continue to grow our economy in a safe way that will best serve companies, employees and customers.

Very truly yours,



Alex R. Fischer
President and CEO

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