



October 9, 2019

The Honorable Rob McColley
Chairman, Ohio Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee

RE: House Bill 4 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman McColley:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our 8,000 members, I write to you in support of House Bill 4; legislation that permits the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation to act as a liaison between the business community and the Department of Education or the Chancellor of Higher Education with regard to industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs.

Workforce shortages and development continue to be at the top of the list of concerns for Ohio's business community, and we believe that HB 4 will assist in making the process for coming up with industry-recognized credentials or certificate programs much smoother.

Although the Governor's Office of Workforce Transformation can currently work with Ohio businesses to come up with the proper credentials, we believe that codifying this process will be helpful.

It is for these reasons that we ask for you to support HB 4 and assist Ohio's businesses as they attempt to develop their existing workforce and attract new employees.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of HB 4 at kboehner@ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Kevin Boehner". The signature is written in a cursive, slightly slanted style.

Kevin Boehner
Director, Small Business and Workforce Policy