



# Ohio Small Business Council

October 22, 2021

The Honorable Michael Rulli  
Chairman, Ohio Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee

RE: House Bill 215 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Rulli:

On behalf of the Ohio Small Business Council (OSBC), I write to you in support of House Bill 215; legislation that would create the Business Fairness Act and is a reintroduction of HB 621 from the 133<sup>rd</sup> General Assembly.

The Ohio Small Business Council is one of nine standing committees of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce 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. We want to thank Representatives Wilkin and Cross for reintroducing the Business Fairness Act and supporting Ohio businesses.

HB 215 will allow any business – to remain open or reopen – that can demonstrate compliance with any safety precautions a government order or regulation requires of businesses permitted to continue operations. We believe this is an important bill, especially given the timing of it and the issues many small businesses are having as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of HB 215 at [kboehner@ohiochamber.com](mailto:kboehner@ohiochamber.com) or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads 'Kevin Boehner'.

Kevin Boehner  
Director, Small Business and Workforce Policy