

May 19, 2025

Chairwoman Sharon A. Ray
Ohio House of Representatives
General Government Committee

Chairwoman Ray,

As the President and CEO of the Columbus Chamber of Commerce, I am proud to offer our full support for House Bill 244, which formally designates March as Women's History Month in Ohio.

Women are essential to Ohio's economic growth. Women now make up approximately 48% of workers and own over 41% of all businesses statewide.

At the Columbus Chamber, we see the power of women in business every day. Through our Chamber's Women's Collective, we've had the privilege of supporting women in the workforce and see firsthand the leadership, resilience, and innovation they bring to the table. Formally recognizing March as Women's History Month is more than symbolic, it's a meaningful step toward honoring the impact women have made and continue to make in Ohio. It reinforces our shared commitment to equity, opportunity and economic growth.

I encourage our elected leaders to support this H.B. 244 and help ensure that the many valuable contributions of women in business and beyond continue to be celebrated and uplifted across our great state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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