



# OHIO ALLIANCE FOR CIVIL JUSTICE



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Senator Nathan Manning  
Chair, Ohio Senate Judiciary Committee  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Manning,

We write to you today to express our support for Senate Bill 157 and the positive impact it will have on our civil justice system. The OACJ was founded in the mid-1980s to stop lawsuit abuse and promote a common-sense civil justice system in Ohio. The OACJ is comprised of representatives of dozens of Ohio trade and professional associations, small and large businesses, medical groups, farmers, non-profit organizations and local government associations. OACJ's leadership team includes representatives from the following organizations: Ohio NFIB, Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, Ohio Hospital Association, Ohio Manufacturers' Association, Ohio Society of CPAs, and the Ohio State Medical Association. The OACJ works to ensure that the civil justice system remains stable and predictable for Ohio's businesses.

Senate Bill 157 would improve Ohio's business climate by reducing Ohio's statute of limitations for written contract actions from six years to three years after the cause of action accrued, unless an exception applies. This important change encourages timely resolution of disputes. A three-year window is more than sufficient for a party to recognize a breach and pursue legal remedies if necessary. Delayed litigation not only complicates the fact-finding process but also burdens companies with the ongoing need to preserve records long after a transaction has concluded. Several states already impose similar statutes of limitations on written contracts, many as short as two or three years. By adopting a more reasonable three-year window, our state brings itself into alignment with these trends, making it more attractive to businesses looking for consistency and predictability in their legal environments.

Additionally, Senate Bill 157 reduces the statute of limitations for contracts not in writing from four years to two years, unless the action is against the state or a state agency for failure to make any distribution or other payment or an action for breach of any sales contract. This change allows for increased stability for businesses of all sizes, which operate best in environments of predictable liability exposure. Long-standing oral claims can result in uncertainty for hiring, contracting, and investment decisions.

A shorter statute of limitations provides closure and allows companies to move forward once a reasonable period of time has passed without a dispute. This bill promotes timely action and helps businesses operate with greater certainty and efficiency. The OACJ respectfully asks for your favorable consideration of Senate Bill 157.

Thank you,

The Ohio Alliance for Civil Justice