



April 15, 2015

The Honorable Ryan Smith
Chair, Finance Committee
Ohio House of Representatives
77 S. High Street
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Smith:

On behalf of the 21,000 members of The Ohio Society of CPAs, we sincerely thank you and your colleagues for listening to the accounting profession's concerns regarding H.B. 64.

Ohio CPAs truly value Governor Kasich's and the Ohio General Assembly's efforts to improve Ohio's economy, reduce Ohio's income tax, and make our state more competitive. We also believe that predictability, fairness and stability are critical to good tax policy and a vibrant economy. While we feel the permanent 75% business income tax deduction will strengthen Ohio's small business environment and the 6.3% income tax reduction will benefit all Ohioans, we also support the House's recommendation to set aside most of the proposed tax changes and instead create the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission. Taking an in-depth study of all aspects of Ohio tax law and developing a forward-looking, comprehensive reform package outside of the time constraints of the biennial budget process makes great sense.

OSCPA looks forward to continuing to work with you during the budget process and beyond, and commits to lending the significant expertise of our members as the Ohio 2020 Tax Policy Study Commission undertakes its work.

Again, many thanks for your leadership.

Sincerely,

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cc: Members, Ohio House Finance Committee