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CHIEF OPERATING OFFICER

February 24, 2015

The Honorable Tim Brown
77 South High Street, 13th Floor
Riffe Building
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairman Brown and Members of the Government Accountability and Oversight Committee:

On behalf of the Cincinnati Reds, I am writing to support House Bill 47 which would create entertainment districts with open container provisions for Cincinnati and other cities in Ohio.

I believe, if done properly, these unique entertainment districts will help distinguish our city and create more entertainment options for our residents and visitors. Retailers at places like The Banks on Cincinnati's riverfront, would be able to work cooperatively to fully leverage their location and proximity to one another to create exciting outdoor events and offerings.

The result -- Cincinnati, and other cities throughout Ohio -- would attract more visitors, create vibrancy within their entertainment districts and foster continued economic growth.

It is important to note that House Bill 47 outlines the process by which the designation is considered and granted through the municipal government, taking into account safety and the collective will of the businesses within the district. I support that localized approach to decision making.

Please consider supporting passage of House Bill 47.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Phil J. Castellini".

Phil Castellini
Chief Operating Officer
Cincinnati Reds

Copy: The Honorable Cliff Rosenberger, Speaker of the Ohio House of Representatives