



# OHIO CHAMBER *of* COMMERCE

October 22, 2021

The Honorable Jay Edwards  
Chairman, Ohio House Economic and Workforce Development Committee

RE: Letter of Support for Senate Bill 166

Dear Chairman Edwards:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our thousands of members, I am writing you to lend our support for Senate Bill 166; legislation that would provide incentives for businesses to offer work-based learning opportunities.

Workforce development has long been a major issue for Ohio businesses and the incentives put forth in SB 166 have the potential to really assist employers in developing the workforce of the future. The COVID-19 pandemic has only shone a brighter spotlight on this issue and the dire need for a more skilled, qualified workforce.

Work-based learning programs can serve as a gateway for students and others to gain experience through internships, mentorships, etc. that can later on, become careers. We applaud the creative approach taken in SB 166 and we want to thank Senator Bill Reineke for bringing this important legislation forward. Also, we would like to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for bringing SB 166 up for a hearing today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of SB 166 at [kboehner@ohiochamber.com](mailto:kboehner@ohiochamber.com) or 614-228-4201.

Sincerely,

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