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The Honorable Ron Young
Chairman, House Economic Development, Commerce & Labor Committee
Ohio House of Representatives

Dear Chairman Young and Committee members,

The Ohio Association for Justice, the statewide bar association for trial attorneys, is pleased to inform you that our policy position on HB 2 has changed. As a result of substantive amendments that your committee adopted to HB 2, we no longer oppose the bill and are now neutral on the legislation.

While we question the need for the legislation, in our judgement the amended bill should not deprive Ohioans of their legal right to seek redress for discrimination or harassment in the workplace.

On behalf of my members, I want to thank you for managing a hearing process that was conducive for the key stakeholders to work together and find a middle ground on this legislation. By not rushing to pass HB 2, you provided the necessary time and freedom that enabled the parties to come to an agreement.

We look forward to working with you and your committee on future policy matters.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "John Van Doorn". The signature is fluid and cursive, with a large initial "J" and "V".

John Van Doorn