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The Honorable Ron Young  
Chairman, Commerce & Labor Committee  
Ohio House of Representatives  
77 South High Street, 13th Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215  
*Via Email: [Bob.Reed@ohiohouse.gov](mailto:Bob.Reed@ohiohouse.gov)*

RE: Opposition to House Bill 193

Dear Chairman Young:

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I write you in opposition to HB 193. This legislation is a governmental overreach into how employers manage their employees who refuse to get a flu shot.

Healthcare professionals in conjunction with private employers should decide policies related to use of the flu vaccine in the workplace, and their freedom to do so should not be infringed upon by lawmakers. Our members, particularly those in the healthcare industry, have indicated that the flu shot is an important tool to ensure health and safety. Also, flu shots are used to keep healthcare costs down by protecting against the spread of disease in sensitive workplaces, such as hospitals.

HB 193 threatens employers' rights to implement and enforce safety precautions in their workplaces. Accordingly, the Ohio Chamber opposes HB 193.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "D. Boyd", written over a white background.

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