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VIA HAND DELIVERY

August 31, 2017

The Honorable William P. Coley II, Chairman
The Government Oversight and Reform Committee
The Ohio Senate
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Senator Coley:

It is my understanding that House Bill 31 of the 132nd Ohio General Assembly was recently referred to your committee. This proposed legislation, if enacted, will repeal Section 9.239 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 9.239 creates the "Government Contracting Advisory Council", and designates twenty-one individuals or their designees to serve as members of that body. The membership includes the Ohio Attorney General, the Ohio Auditor of State, the directors of nine departments of Ohio government, the Ohio Administrator of Workers' Compensation, presidents or executive directors of seven Ohio groups or associations, and two additional members one of whom is appointed by the Ohio Attorney General, and the other who is selected by the Ohio Auditor of State. The statute requires that the group meet once every two years.

Although the section charges the council to review rules under Sections 9.237 and 9.238 of the Code, and to make recommendations regarding the adoption, amendment, or repeal of those rules, it affords the group no practical or effective authority. In spite of the diligent involvement of council members, the activity of the body has resulted in little or no beneficial effect. It is my belief, therefore, that the continued existence of the council, and the considerable expenditure of time and effort from representatives of both state government and the private sector representatives which it entails are not warranted. As such, I support the adoption of House Bill 31.

Very truly yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Dave Yost".

DAVE YOST
Auditor of State