

December 7, 2020

The Honorable Robert McColley Chairman, Ohio Senate Transportation, Commerce, and Workforce Committee

RE: Amended House Bill 621 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman McColley:

On behalf of the Ohio Small Business Council, I write to you in support of Amended House Bill 621; legislation that would create the Business Fairness Act.

The Ohio Small Business Council is one of eight standing committees of the Ohio Chamber and serves to promote and protect the establishment, growth, and vitality of small business in Ohio. Members of this council are business owners who employ less than 400 people, many of them having much less than that.

Am HB 621 will allow any business – to remain open or reopen – that can demonstrate compliance with any safety precautions a government order or regulation requires of businesses permitted to continue operations. We believe this is an important bill, especially given the timing of it and the issues many small businesses are having as a result of the Coronavirus pandemic.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of Am HB 621 at kboehner@ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

Kevin Boehner Director, Small Business and Workforce Policy