



April 20, 2021

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

RE: Senate Bill 109 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Edwards:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our 8,000 members, I write to you in support of Senate Bill 109; legislation that provides for emergency grant funding to local fairs, indoor entertainment venues, new businesses, and small businesses.

I want to spotlight the small business portion of this bill and the continuation of the Small Business Relief Grant Program. The continuation of this program through the funding included in SB 109 will continue to provide a lifeline to small businesses. Businesses would be eligible to apply for grants of \$10,000. These funds can be used for any of the following:

- Personal protective equipment to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19.
- Measures taken to protect employees, customers, or clients from COVID-19.
- Mortgage or rent payments for business premises (personal residences explicitly excluded).
- Utility payments (excludes utilities for personal residences and cellular phones not used primarily for business purposes).
- Salaries, wages, or compensation paid to contractors or employees, including an employer's share of health insurance costs.
- Business supplies or equipment.

We want to thank Senators Manning and Rulli for bringing this important bill before the committee today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of SB 108 at [kboehner@ohiochamber.com](mailto:kboehner@ohiochamber.com) or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

Kevin Boehner  
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