

March 9, 2021

The Honorable Matt Dolan Chairman, Ohio Senate Finance Committee

RE: Senate Bill 108 Letter of Support

Dear Chairman Dolan:

On behalf of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce and our 8,000 members, I write to you in support of Senate Bill 108; legislation that provides much-needed assistance to restaurants and bars and the lodging industry.

The hospitality industry has been devastated by the COVID-19 pandemic. SB 108 provides much-needed grants to help try to alleviate some of the loss that these industries have experienced over the course of the last year.

Grants for the businesses effected shall be awarded in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and shall be awarded based on factors such as demonstrated loss of revenue and the number of employees eligible bars and restaurants employ.

We want to thank Senators Steve Huffman and Mark Romanchuk for bringing this important legislation forward and we want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for bringing SB 108 up for a hearing today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of SB 108 at <u>kboehner@ohiochamber.com</u> or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,

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