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To whom it may concern,

The Cincinnati Numismatic Association's Greater Cincinnati Numismatic Exposition is an annual event held at the Sharonville Convention Center near Cincinnati. The exposition is in its 38th year and is having difficulty attracting dealers. In years past as many as 120 dealers from around the country would travel to Ohio to set up and sell at the show. Those dealers contributed to the local economy by doing business here in Ohio and also staying in hotels, and dining at local restaurants. In 2019 the exposition was reduced to just 63 dealers.

In 2009 a larger annual Numismatic Convention was held at the Duke Energy Convention Center in Cincinnati. The Central States Numismatic Society convention had approximately 200 dealers from around the country and some from around the world. The Federal Bureau of Engraving and Printing had printing demonstrations and its Billion Dollar display of banknotes and Treasury bonds. CSNS president Mitch Ernst said it is not possible for the convention to be held again in Ohio under the current sales tax law. The CSNS convention was also held in Columbus, Ohio in 2002 and 2006 and six more times in the past in Cincinnati, Dayton, and Cleveland.

The much larger American Numismatic Association's Worlds Fair Of Money that has been held in Cincinnati five times as recently as 1988 will not even consider states like Ohio. The convention instead goes to cities like Chicago, Pittsburg, Los Angeles, Denver, etc.

We can't bring the big shows back to Ohio unless we repeal the tax on coins and bullion.

Sincerely,

David G. Heinrich
President