



March 10, 2021

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

RE: House Bill 169 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 House Bill 169; 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. HB 169 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 Representatives Cutrona and Swearingen for bringing this important legislation forward and we want to thank you, Mr. Chairman, for bringing HB 169 up for a hearing today.

Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions regarding our support of HB 169 at kboehner@ohiochamber.com or 614-228-4201.

Respectfully,


Kevin Boehner

Director, Small Business and Workforce Policy