



Dayton Area
Chamber of Commerce

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Senator Chris Widener
Ohio Statehouse, Senate Office Building
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Widener,

In conjunction with each session of the Ohio General Assembly, the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce is pleased to present a legislative scorecard. This scorecard is our review of the floor votes that state legislators from Montgomery, Greene, Miami, Warren, Butler, Clark, Preble, Darke, Shelby and Champaign Counties have cast on legislation deemed important to the regional business community. Several bills and ballot issues are highlighted during every session because of their significant and expected long-term positive economic impact on the business community. Prior to appearing on a legislative scorecard, the highlighted bills and issues are reviewed by one of three Chamber public policy committees and the Chamber's Executive Committee, then an official Chamber position will be taken.

In coordination with the Legislative Scorecard, the Chamber publishes a Legislative and Regulatory Agenda that identifies our upcoming legislative priorities and initiatives. The Chamber promotes newly established legislative positions through various grassroots communications pieces, like letters, e-mails, press releases, and *Chamber Connection* to keep legislators and Chamber members updated of our positions.

To maintain full disclosure, the Chamber will send regular correspondence to the Dayton region's delegation to inform you of the positions taken in the scorecard.

For the 129th General Assembly, we would like to officially announce the Dayton Chamber's endorsement of Ohio House Bill 1. The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce fully supports Ohio HB 1 as vital legislation that will allow the State of Ohio to be more responsive to timely business attraction and retention decisions and the state's economic development activities to be freed from cumbersome bureaucratic regulations. We strongly urge you to support the passage of HB 1, a key component of the future of economic development in our state. Because HB 1 has already passed the House and is currently being considered in the Senate, conference committee report floor votes will be considered for this issue on the next legislative scorecard.

Enclosed, please find the legislative scorecard for the 128th General Assembly, our review of key issues and votes for the past session. If you have questions about any of the enclosed information, or would like to discuss the Dayton Chamber's public policy priorities for the 129th General Assembly, please do not hesitate to contact me at cek@dacc.org or 937.226.8289. A copy of the Dayton Chamber's 2011-2012 Legislative Agenda will be sent to your office in the coming weeks.

On behalf of the Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce and our more than 2500 business members, I look forward to working with you to advance the economic climate and support the business community in the Dayton region and across the State of Ohio.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "CK", is written over a light blue circular stamp.

Chris Kershner
Vice President, Public Policy & Economic Development