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Representative Timothy Derickson
77 S. High St., 12th Floor
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Representative Mark Romanchuk
77 S. High St., 11th Floor
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Dear Representatives Derickson and Romanchuk,

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,700 businesses, which employ over 200,000 employees in a nine-county region in southwest Ohio. The Dayton Chamber produces a biennial legislative agenda that sets the blueprint for business friendly legislation over biennium. The Dayton Chamber's 2015-2016 Legislative & Regulatory Agenda states that the chamber will "advocate for the elimination or reduction of state administrative business fees and ease of filing for newly formed businesses." Through a 21% reduction in business filing fees, House Bill 3 reduces the barriers to entry for new businesses in Ohio and makes us more competitive with neighboring states.

The Dayton region has a long history of supporting entrepreneurs, innovation and start-up companies. HB 3 directly supports these new and start-up companies and sends the right message that "Ohio is Open for Business." The Dayton Chamber commends both of you and Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted for your vision to support business growth, and Secretary Husted's commitment to internal operating efficiencies within the Secretary of State's office, so that these filing fee reductions may be realized without an increased burden on the business community.

House Bill 3 is directly aligned with the policy agenda of the Dayton Chamber. To this end, the Dayton Chamber has endorsed House Bill 3 and will be actively advocating its passage through the Ohio General Assembly. Additionally, we will record the actions of our regional delegation on this legislation to be included in our Legislative Scorecard.

Thank you for your leadership.

Sincerely,



Chris Kershner
VP, Public Policy & Economic Development

Cc: Ohio Secretary of State Jon Husted