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The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor, State of Ohio  
77 S. High St., 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

**Re: Veto of Tax Increase on Targeted Professional Services**

Dear Governor DeWine,

I am writing you today to ask you to fully restore the Business Income Deduction for the two professional services that were carved out in the state operating budget, HB 166. By eliminating the business income deduction for attorneys and lobbyists, the State of Ohio would be creating an unjust and unequal burden specifically targeted at these two professional services.

The Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce represents over 2,200 businesses throughout a 10 county region in west central Ohio. As a business organization, we believe in the core business principles of free enterprise and fair competition. The recent changes to the business income tax deduction do not provide fair competition amongst professional services, but instead would increase taxes on two segregated professional services, lawyers and lobbyists.

By targeting these two industries, it creates an unfair marketplace and directly burdens two specific professional services, while leaving all other professional services with the full benefit.

All eligible businesses should receive the full business income deduction. We respectfully request your veto of the provision in the HB 166 that would eliminate the business income deduction for these two specific professional services.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,



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President & CEO