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**FREE ENTERPRISE INDEX**  
**132ND GENERAL ASSEMBLY**  
VOTING RECORD  
JANUARY-DECEMBER 2017



OHIO CHAMBER  
*of* COMMERCE

# INTERIM REPORT CARD: EVERYONE GETS AN "INCOMPLETE".

During the course of every two-year session of the Ohio General Assembly, the Ohio Chamber is a strong advocate of all important pieces of legislation that impact businesses or our state's business climate. When one of these bills is voted on by the House or Senate, we track how state lawmakers vote on these "key votes." We then make sure you know whether or not the lawmakers that represent you are effectively working to make Ohio a stronger state in which to do business. We call this our Free Enterprise Index, and we've been publishing it for more than two decades.

We're now halfway through the current 132nd General Assembly, and it's a good time to deliver an interim scorecard. Unfortunately, there have only been three bills voted on by the House, and two by the Senate, worthy of inclusion in our Free Enterprise Index.

The fact that there have been only a few key votes doesn't mean there aren't issues in need of attention. There most certainly are, and the five most pressing are summarized below.

It is our hope that when we publish this General Assembly's final Free Enterprise Index one year from now, these critical issues will have been addressed. For now, every lawmaker has been given an "incomplete" score on these five outstanding, major priorities. With your help, these incompletes will disappear over the next year and be replaced with "plusses" indicating votes in favor.

**In the meantime, we urge you to contact your representative and senator to remind them that more needs to be done to improve the business climate in Ohio and to push for action on these five priorities:**

## Top 5 Priorities for 2018

### **UNEMPLOYMENT COMPENSATION**

Fix the broke and broken unemployment compensation system by adjusting both how much is paid into the fund and how much is being paid out in benefits.

**Key legislation we support: HB 620**  
(131st General Assembly)

### **ANTI-DISCRIMINATION LAWS**

Bring balance and predictability to employment discrimination laws that currently create a compliance nightmare and put Ohio's businesses at a competitive disadvantage.

**Key legislation we support: HB 2**

### **HEALTH INSURANCE MANDATES**

Reduce the threat of more one-size-fits-all health insurance mandates that lead to higher employer health care premiums.

**Key legislation we support: HB 450**

### **REGULATORY REFORM**

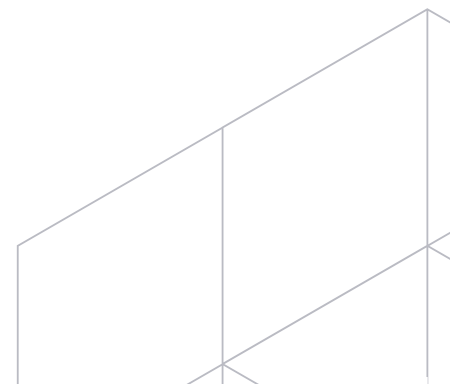
Build upon the existing authority of the successful Common Sense Initiative to minimize the negative impact that state regulations have on businesses.

**Key legislation we support: SB 221**

### **ENERGY EFFICIENCY REQUIREMENTS**

Protect businesses from the escalating costs of energy efficiency mandates.

**Key legislation we support: HB 114's**  
energy efficiency provisions



# OHIO HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES PRO-BUSINESS SCORES

	HB 170	HB 27	HB 233	Session %	Lifetime %	HB 620 (131st GA)	HB 2	HB 450	SB 221	HB 114	Final Session Score
Anielski	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Antani	+	+	-	67%	87%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Antonio	+	-	+	67%	47%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Arndt	+	+	-	67%	70%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Ashford	+	-	+	67%	31%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Barnes	+	-	+	67%	72%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Becker	+	+	-	67%	82%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Blessing	+	+	-	67%	81%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Bocchieri	+	-	+	67%	74%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Boggs	+	-	+	67%	63%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Boyd	-	-	NV	0%	42%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Brenner	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Brinkman	+	+	-	67%	73%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Brown	NA	-	+	50%	50%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Butler	+	+	-	67%	89%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Carfagna	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Celebrezze	+	-	+	67%	41%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Cera	+	-	-	33%	41%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Clyde	-	-	+	33%	44%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Craig	+	-	+	67%	54%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Cupp	+	+	-	67%	96%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
DeVitis*	+	+	+	100%	100%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Dean	+	-	-	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Dever	+	+	-	67%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Duffey	+	-	-	33%	82%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Edwards	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Faber	+	+	-	67%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Fedor	-	-	+	33%	62%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Galonski	-	-	+	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Gavarone	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Ginter	+	+	-	67%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Gonzales	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Green	+	+	-	67%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Greenspan	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hagan	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hambley	+	+	-	67%	77%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Henne	NV	+	-	50%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hill	NV	+	-	50%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Holmes	+	-	+	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hood	+	-	-	33%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Householder	+	+	-	67%	95%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Howse	+	-	+	67%	50%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Huffman	+	+	-	67%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hughes	+	+	-	67%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Ingram	-	-	+	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Johnson	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Keller	-	+	-	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Kelly	-	-	+	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Kent	+	-	+	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Kick	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Koehler	+	+	-	67%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
LaTourette	+	+	-	67%	77%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Landis	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Lanese	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Lang	NA	NA	NA			IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Leland	+	-	+	67%	54%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Lepore-Hagan	+	-	NV	50%	50%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Lipps	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Manning	+	+	-	67%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
McColley	+	+	-	67%	86%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Merrin	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Miller	+	-	+	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
O'Brien	+	-	+	67%	46%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Patmon	NV	-	+	50%	56%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Patterson	-	-	+	33%	43%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Patton	+	+	-	67%	88%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Pelanda	+	+	-	67%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Perales	+	+	-	67%	89%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Ramos	-	+	+	67%	35%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?

\* 100% Session Voting Record

IC Incomplete

NV Did Not Vote

NA Not Applicable

# McColley moved from the House to the Senate

	HB 170	HB 27	HB 233	Session %	Lifetime %	HB 620 (131st GA)	HB 2	HB 450	SB 221	HB 114	Final Session Score
Reece	+	-	NV	50%	46%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Reineke*	+	+	+	100%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Retherford	+	-	-	33%	86%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Rezabek	+	+	-	67%	77%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Riedel	+	-	-	33%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Roegner	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Rogers	+	-	+	67%	48%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Romanchuk	+	+	-	67%	86%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Rosenberger	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Ryan	+	+	-	67%	92%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Schaffer	+	+	-	67%	96%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Scherer	+	+	-	67%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Schuring	+	+	-	67%	92%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Seitz	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Sheehy	+	-	+	67%	53%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Slaby	+	+	-	67%	97%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Smith K.	-	-	+	33%	46%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Smith R.	+	+	-	67%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Sprague	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Stein	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Strahorn	+	-	+	67%	63%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Sweeney	+	-	+	67%	62%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Sykes	+	-	+	67%	54%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Thompson	-	+	-	33%	92%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Vitale	-	-	-	0%	42%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
West	+	-	+	67%	33%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Wiggam	+	+	-	67%	67%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Young	+	+	-	67%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Zeltwanger	+	-	-	33%	60%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?

## OHIO SENATE PRO-BUSINESS SCORES

	HB 27	HB 170	Session %	Lifetime %	HB 620 (131st GA)	HB 2	HB 450	SB 221	HB 114	Final Session Score
Bacon*	+	+	100%	95%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Balderson*	+	+	100%	98%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Beagle*	+	+	100%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Brown	-	NV	0%	69%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Burke*	+	+	100%	94%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Coley*	+	+	100%	98%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Dolan*	+	+	100%	95%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Eklund*	+	+	100%	96%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Gardner*	+	+	100%	91%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hackett*	+	+	100%	93%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hoagland*	+	+	100%	100%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Hottinger*	+	+	100%	96%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Huffman*	+	+	100%	100%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Jordan*	+	+	100%	92%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Kunze*	+	+	100%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
LaRose*	+	+	100%	86%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Lehner*	+	+	100%	90%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Manning*	+	+	100%	79%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
McColley#*	NA	+	100%	86%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
O'Brien	-	+	50%	41%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Obhof*	+	+	100%	97%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Oelslager*	+	+	100%	85%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Peterson*	+	+	100%	97%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Schiavoni	-	+	50%	58%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Skindell	-	+	50%	54%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Sykes	-	+	50%	68%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Tavares	-	+	50%	48%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Terhar*	+	NV	100%	97%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Thomas	-	+	50%	45%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Uecker*	+	+	100%	96%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Williams	-	+	50%	51%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Wilson*	+	+	100%	100%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?
Yuko	-	+	50%	56%	IC	IC	IC	IC	IC	?

# LEGISLATION AND DESCRIPTIONS

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## **KEY PIECES OF LEGISLATION THAT THE OHIO CHAMBER BACKED.**

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### **EDUCATION & WORKFORCE DEVELOPMENT** HB 170

Better prepares students and helps improve the skills gap in the tech sector by giving high school students the option to take a computer science course in lieu of certain math or science classes.

**Included in House and Senate Index**  
**Status: Signed by Governor**

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### **LEGAL & BUSINESS REGULATION** HB 233

Infringes on businesses' private property rights and makes it more difficult to provide a safe workplace for employees and customers by allowing concealed handgun license holders to intentionally bring a deadly weapon where weapons are clearly prohibited and face no criminal penalties.

**Included in House Index only**  
**Status: Passed House and pending in Senate**

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### **WORKERS' COMPENSATION** HB 27

Requires that workers' compensation injury claims be filed within one year instead of two, leading to faster treatment, quicker return to work, and better outcomes.

**Included in House and Senate Index**  
**Status: Signed by Governor**

## **FREE ENTERPRISE SPOTLIGHT**

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### *THEY WORK TO ENHANCE FREE ENTERPRISE AND OPPORTUNITY.*

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#### **REP. NIRAJ ANTANI**

In just over three years serving in the House, Rep. Antani has built a solid 87 percent pro-business score. More important, however, he recently introduced House Bill 450, legislation that will provide businesses with new protections against future health insurance mandates.



#### **SEN. TROY BALDERSON**

During his nine years in the Ohio General Assembly, Sen. Balderson has compiled a stellar lifetime pro-business voting record of 98 percent. This session, he was instrumental in ensuring that the process for how the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency (Ohio EPA) develops pollution limits for Ohio's waterways affords adequate due process to impacted businesses.



#### **REP. ANTHONY DEVITIS**

Rep. DeVitis has the unique distinction of being the sole member of the Ohio House who still maintains a lifetime pro-business voting record of 100 percent. His perfect record spans 29 votes over six-plus years and isn't too surprising, given that he's a small business owner, as well.



#### **REP. BILL REINEKE**

As a business owner himself, Rep. Reineke understands first-hand the real-world implications of actions taken in Columbus. He's one of only two members of the Ohio House to post a 100 percent pro-business score so far this session, and has been a strong voice for employers on a variety of issues, from guns in the workplace, to wind setback requirements, to unemployment compensation reform.



#### **SEN. JOE UECKER**

Sen. Uecker has been a solid business advocate on most issues, as his lifetime 96 percent pro-business score indicates. He's also the sponsor of a pending Ohio Chamber-backed bill, Senate Bill 221, that would minimize the negative impact that state regulations have on businesses.

# VOTING RECORD CRITERIA

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To ensure the objectivity of this record, the Ohio Chamber of Commerce has established the following strict criteria for the inclusion of votes:

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- 1 Only roll-call floor votes on issues that impact Ohio's business community will be used.
- 2 The chamber, through its member-driven issue committees, must have taken a "Support" or "Oppose" position on the legislation prior to the floor vote. If the chamber has taken a position and informed all legislators of that position, the vote will appear in the voting record.
- 3 The chamber must inform all legislators of its position prior to the floor vote. All legislators will be informed of the chamber staff lobbyist to contact for more information.
- 4 Roll-call votes on floor amendments may be included, but only if the chamber has informed all legislators, in writing and prior to the vote(s), of its position on expected amendment(s).
- 5 Certain legislation, because of its importance, may be given additional weight in the compilation of the voting record, but only if the chamber has informed all legislators, in writing and prior to the vote, that the legislation may be subject to weighting.
- 6 Since the legislative process may significantly alter the substance of legislation after its passage in one house, the inclusion of a vote on legislation in one house does not necessarily mean a vote in the second house will be used in the voting record.



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