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Ohio Chamber of Commerce Announces 2017-2018 Policy Priorities

COLUMBUS, OH – The Ohio Chamber of Commerce released its *2017-2018 Public Policy Priorities*, which will guide the Ohio Chamber’s advocacy efforts for the next two years. The goal for this legislative session is to create policy that strengthens free enterprise to ensure that our state remains economically competitive. We believe a competitive modern economy (free from government interference) will create an environment in which businesses can expand and create jobs.

“When businesses are not stifled, Ohio’s communities thrive and all Ohioans win,” said Vice President of Government Affairs Keith Lake. “We are ready to work with lawmakers and Gov. Kasich’s administration to make sure Ohio is an excellent place to own and operate a business. Our policy priorities are intended to give leaders a framework to determine whether legislative and regulatory proposals will help or hamper Ohio’s business growth, job creation, and economic health.”

As a member-driven organization, the Ohio Chamber’s policy priorities were developed through eight policy committees with input from business leaders across the state. They were unanimously approved in December by the Ohio Chamber’s Board of Directors.

The Ohio Chamber’s *2017-2018 Public Policy Priorities* are attached and are available electronically by [clicking here](#). Specifically, they focus on pursuing:

- A well-trained and highly-skilled workforce
- A business friendly tax climate
- Energy infrastructure projects critical to the development of Ohio’s emerging oil and natural gas industry
- Reform of Ohio’s broken unemployment compensation system
- A transparent health care system so that Ohioans have access to timely, accurate and user-friendly information
- Continued support an expanded role for the Common Sense Initiative
- A affordable workers’ compensation system that runs efficiently and effectively

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce is a champion for Ohio businesses so that our state enjoys economic growth and prosperity. With over 8,000 members, we have been Ohio’s premiere business advocate since 1893.

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