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## Ohio Chamber Releases Summer Interim Free Enterprise Index

*Highlights pro-business accomplishments in the legislature*

COLUMBUS, OH- Columbus, OH-The Ohio Chamber of Commerce today released a summer interim Free Enterprise Index scorecard of the Ohio General Assembly. The Free Enterprise Index is a compilation of how members of the Ohio General Assembly voted on bills that represent the Ohio Chamber's public policy priorities. Each of the bills scored would have a significant impact on improving – or harming – Ohio's overall business climate.

This release of the Free Enterprise Index is a reflection on each legislator's session and lifetime voting record as it stands today. Since the winter addition of the Free Enterprise Index was published, there were 13 additional key votes that were casted, five in the Ohio Senate and seven in the Ohio House, respectively. 33 legislators who voted on at least six of these key bills have posted perfect pro-business scores. Another 56 claim solid scores at or above 80%.

"Overall, the first six months of 2018 were positive for Ohio businesses", explained Keith Lake, the Ohio Chamber's vice president of government affairs." There are still some items remaining for the General Assembly to tackle. When we publish this General Assembly's final Free Enterprise Index at the end of the year, we are hoping more critical issues will be addressed", stated Lake.

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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