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Joint statement from Ohio Manufacturers Association President Eric Burkland, Ohio Chamber of Commerce President & CEO Andrew E. Doehrel, and Ohio Business Roundtable President & CEO Pat Tiberi, on the ongoing transportation budget negotiations:

"As the administration and legislature continue to negotiate, we urge them not to ignore the potential harm to Ohio's economy and to our businesses that could result if the diesel tax is increased by 20 cents, as has been discussed. The current gap between the proposed gasoline and diesel fuel rates should be narrowed to as close to parity as is possible, while still ensuring adequate and reliable funding for Ohio's transportation system, as the governor first proposed."

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