



KEY VOTE ALERT

TO: Members of the Ohio House

FROM: Kevin Boehner, Director, Small Business & Workforce Policy

RE: Upcoming Floor Vote on House Bills 168 and 169

DATE: April 15, 2021

House Bills 168 and 169 bring about much-needed emergency grant funding to industries that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

HB 168 would provide funding for local fairs, indoor entertainment venues, new businesses, and small businesses. The continuation of the Small Business Relief Grant Program through the funding included in HB 168 will continue to provide a lifeline to small businesses. Businesses would be eligible to apply for grants of \$10,000.

HB 169 would supply grant funding to the lodging industry as well as the restaurants and bars. Grants for the businesses affected shall be awarded in amounts of \$10,000, \$20,000, and \$30,000 and shall be awarded based on factors such as demonstrated loss of revenue and the number of employees eligible bars and restaurants employ.

The Ohio Chamber of Commerce strongly supports HB 168 and HB 169 because it will provide emergency grant funding for industries that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

Most importantly, HB 168 and HB 169 will replenish existing programs that have brought much-needed, direct assistance to businesses that have been devastated by COVID-19. **Please be aware that your votes on HB 168 and HB 169 will be reflected in the Ohio Chamber's *Free Enterprise Index***, our General Assembly Voting Record. If you have any questions about this bill or the Ohio Chamber's position, please contact me at (614) 228-4201 or kboehner@ohiochamber.com.

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