



# KEY VOTE ALERT

**TO:** Members of the Ohio Senate

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

**RE:** Upcoming Floor Vote on SB 108 & 109

**DATE:** March 17, 2021

Senate Bills 108 and 109 bring about much-needed emergency grant funding to industries that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.

SB 108 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.

SB 109 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 SB 109 will continue to provide a lifeline to small businesses. Businesses would be eligible to apply for grants of \$10,000.

**The Ohio Chamber of Commerce strongly supports SB 108 and SB 109 because it will provide emergency grant funding for industries that have been adversely impacted by COVID-19.**

Most importantly, SB 108 and SB 109 will move support small businesses and other industries that have been devastated by COVID-19. **Please be aware that your votes on SB 108 and SB 109 will be reflected in the Ohio Chamber's 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](mailto:kboehner@ohiochamber.com).

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