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Ohio Chamber Statement on House Bill 616

COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers regarding House Bill 616.

"Ohio is blessed with a number of recent large-scale private investments, but the state remains challenged from a workforce standpoint to fill the scores of available and upcoming job openings. To this end, Ohio needs to be a welcoming place for all. We should focus on ways to cultivate and harness the talents of Ohioans, while also attracting out-of-state workers to relocate here. The Chamber is concerned that that some of the language in this bill may impede Ohio's ability to lure the best and brightest minds to fill these openings and put down roots in the Buckeye State; however we trust that through the legislative process everyone will get a chance to have their voice heard."

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Hi Courtney, Has the Ohio Chamber taken a look or position on HB 616? Thanks! Jessie Jessie Balmert State government reporter 740-973-4536 | @jbalmert



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