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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers regarding the proposed minimum wage amendment to the Ohio Constitution.

“The Ohio Chamber of Commerce believes that workers deserve a fair wage and that Ohio’s employers need the flexibility to design wage and benefits packages that best meet the specific needs of their workforce. The proposed minimum wage amendment to the Ohio Constitution is not only ill-advised and economically detrimental, it would be next to impossible to correct once the unintended consequences transpire.

“Ohio’s employers have already struggled post-pandemic with widespread workforce shortages and have compensated by increasing wages and benefits to attract and retain talent. Furthermore, the expanded costs of doing business will result in widespread layoffs, particularly among lower-wage positions, as well as escalated shifts to automation and deterred economic development and job growth.”

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