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## **Ohio Chamber Statement on House Bill 205**

*COLUMBUS, OH* – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber of Commerce CEO Steve Stivers regarding House Bill 205.

"The Ohio Chamber of Commerce stands in opposition to House Bill 205 because the legislation is nothing more than a backdoor attempt at forced unionization. At a time when Ohio already faces crippling workforce shortages, HB 205 instead holds back extensively trained and qualified non-union employees from gainful employment at Ohio's refineries. Disruption of refinery operations by our own state government through quotas and burdensome compliance costs does nothing to improve worker safety, however it will result in higher energy prices passed down to consumers. When it comes to costs at the gas pump, our state leaders should be providing Ohioans with relief, not more pain."