

On Wednesday, March 26, The Ohio Chamber of Commerce held a gamingfocused Coffee and Commerce with several of our casino and racino members in

attendance. The speakers at the event were Rep. Adam Mathews, who has Miami Valley Gaming in his district, and Rep. Bride Rose Sweeney, who



served on the Study Commission for the Future of Gaming. The event focused

on the positive economic impact, tax revenue, job creation, and community contributions of Ohio's casinos and racinos.

<u>Click here</u> to view our one-pager on gaming in Ohio.

House Bill 15 – Energy Reform

The House sent House Bill 15 to the Senate with a floor vote of 92-3. Along with similar changes offered in SB 2, HB 15 adds language for community energy projects and adds heat maps for transparency on constraint on the electricity grid. HB 15 also encourages the study and implementation of advanced technologies collective known as GETS (Grid Enhancement Technologies). HB 15 now moves to the Senate.

US Securities Exchange Commission (SEC)

On Thursday, the SEC announced that it voted to end the legal defense of its climate disclosure rules. This allows the SEC to walk away from the rule without formally rescinding it. The Ohio Chamber joined a lawsuit against the rules via an amicus brief.

Beneficial Owner Information (BOI)

The Financial Crimes Enforcement Network (FinCEN) published an interim final rule exempting domestic entities and US persons from reporting BOI under the Corporate Transparency Act (CTA). This should put an end to the saga of who should file and when, which ping-ponged for several months after the November election. Unless exempt under CTA or the rule, foreign entities are required to report only the BOI of non-US beneficial owners. This is a welcome relief for many of the Ohio Chamber members.