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May 16, 2017

The Honorable Scott Oelslager
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee
Senate Building
1 Capitol Square, 1st Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Oelslager:

Formed in 2013, the Ohio Service Industry Coalition includes businesses, trade associations, and professional organizations in industries having a profound impact on the daily economic lives of Ohioans.

Since the time of the executive budget proposal's unveiling in January, our Coalition has grown and now includes more than twenty-five organizations representing many different industries all across the state.

In 2016, the industries represented by Coalition members collectively had an estimated 1.1 million jobs at 77,000 establishments, with a total payroll of nearly \$46.5 billion.

We are writing to encourage you and your Senate colleagues to support the House's decision to remove the harmful sales tax rate increase and expansion to services included in HB 49, as introduced.

Our Coalition opposes raising the state sales tax rate and extending state and local sales taxes to services not already taxed under Ohio law. Higher sales tax rates and new taxes on targeted services will slow sales, hurt the state's competitiveness, and raise costs for individual and business consumers.

We appreciate the opportunity to share with you our concerns, and we look forward to working with you and the other members of the General Assembly to make Ohio a more business-friendly state.

Sincerely,

The Ohio Service Industry Coalition

cc: President Obhof
All Members of the Ohio Senate

Ohio Association of Broadcasters
Ohio Automobile Dealers Association
Ohio Society of CPAs
Ohio State Bar Association
Ohio Trucking Association
Ohio Association of Realtors
Ohio Insurance Institute
Nationwide Insurance
Ohio Association for Justice
AIA Ohio – a Component of the
American Institute of Architects
American Council of Engineering
Companies–Ohio
American Society of Travel Agents
Associated General Contractors of Ohio
Cox Automotive
Delphi
General Motors
International Interior Design Association
Motion Picture Association of America
Ohio Association of Movers
Ohio Cable Telecommunications
Association
Ohio Contractors Association
Ohio Council of Retail Merchants
Ohio Lobbying Association
Ohio News Media Association
Ohio Parking Association
Ohio Petroleum Marketers &
Convenience Store Association
Ohio Veterinary Medical Association
Outdoor Advertising Association of Ohio
Travel Technology Association