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The Honorable Ron Young  
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RE: Opposition to House Bill 170

Dear Chairman Young:

On behalf of the nearly 8,000 members of the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, I write you in opposition to HB 170. The legislation is a governmental overreach into how employers manage their employees who refuse to get a flu shot.

Healthcare professionals in conjunction with private employers should decide policies related to use of the flu vaccine in the workplace, and their freedom to do so should not be infringed upon by lawmakers. Our members, particularly those in the healthcare industry, have indicated that the flu shot is an important tool to ensure health and safety. Also, they use the flu shot to keep healthcare costs down by protecting against the spread of disease in sensitive workplaces, such as hospitals.

HB 170 threatens employers' rights to implement and enforce safety precautions in their workplaces. Accordingly, the Ohio Chamber opposes HB 170.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "David A. Lockshaw, Jr." with a stylized flourish.

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The Honorable Christina Hagan, Sponsor of HB 170  
House Commerce & Labor Committee Members