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FABER ANNOUNCES REGULATORY REFORM BILL PASSED BY OHIO SENATE

Faber served as chair of Regulatory Reform Task Force that helped develop many of the bill's provisions

COLUMBUS—State Senator Keith Faber (R- Celina) announced that the Ohio Senate recently voted to approve Senate Bill 2, which seeks to improve the state's regulatory environment in order to reduce government red tape that acts as barriers to job creation and retention.

“If we are to revitalize our economy and get Ohioans back to work, then we must create a business climate that helps, rather than hinders those companies seeking to locate or expand in Ohio,” Faber said. “The passage of SB 2 sends a strong message that Ohio is serious about ensuring our rules and regulations are not overly burdensome on employers and making compliance easier.”

SB 2 establishes the Common Sense Initiative Office (CSIO), which was originally established by Governor Kasich via executive order. This office will be responsible for developing a small business impact analysis tool that will be used by state agencies to determine any adverse impact a new rule or regulation could have on small businesses. It also creates the Small Business Advisory Council, a nine-member panel that will advise the Governor, Lt. Governor and CSIO on any adverse impact proposed rules may have on small businesses.

Senator Faber has been working on the issue of regulatory reform for many years. In 2008, he chaired the Regulatory Reform Task Force, which traveled throughout the state holding meetings and gathering input from employers, chambers of commerce, local economic development directors and other members of the public to help identify obstacles to doing business in Ohio.

The task force issued a report of their findings in 2009, and Faber introduced legislation during the last General Assembly that incorporated many of their recommendations. Senate Bill 2 includes many of the same provisions, such as the requirement that agencies develop customer service standards.

“Keith Faber’s work on the Regulatory Reform Task Force laid the groundwork for SB 2, and I want to thank him for all his work over the years on this issue,” Hughes said. “He has long been an advocate for making state regulations more reasonable and effective, and his efforts helped pave the way for the passage of this bill.”