



## OHIO BUSINESS *for* IMMIGRATION SOLUTIONS

The members of **Ohio Business for Immigration Solutions (OBIS)** are committed to promoting immigration reforms that will strengthen our economy, attract and retain global talent, and bring new businesses to our state. The Ohio Compact on Immigration is a set of principles developed by OBIS members seeking to elevate the Ohio business community's desire to find sensible public policy solutions, above partisanship and rhetoric, for the challenges currently present in our immigration system. The language of the Ohio Compact on Immigration is the result of a collaborative effort among Ohio business groups and reflects the unique perspective of the Buckeye state.

The **Ohio Compact on Immigration** contains the following core concepts:

- 1. STRENGTHENING OUR ECONOMY & WORKFORCE:** For our state economy to grow and compete, Ohio needs a robust workforce and policies that prioritize attracting and retaining talent. The federal immigration system must be flexible enough to address the needs of businesses and their employees. This includes a visa system that is both responsive to, and effective at, meeting the demands of Ohio's economy and the industries that drive growth in our state.
- 2. A COMMONSENSE APPROACH:** Immigrants have always been, and remain, an important part of our communities. We must adopt a commonsense approach to immigration that reflects our long-established values and recognizes the critical role immigration has played in the history, economy, and culture of both our state and the nation. Our immigration policies must provide a sensible path forward for immigrants wishing to come to our country and a permanent resolution for those who are of good character, pay taxes, and are committed to becoming fully participating members of our society and culture, but lack legal status.
- 3. COMPETITIVE COMMUNITIES:** We understand the communities that grow and attract talent are the ones that are welcoming to all. We support local policies that provide a welcoming environment for immigrants, as well as provide residents with the tools and opportunities they need to succeed.
- 4. FAMILY:** Strong families are critical to developing successful individuals and cohesive communities. Our immigration policies, where possible, should prioritize keeping families together in order to ensure the most supportive home environments for all children across our state.
- 5. FEDERAL SOLUTIONS:** Immigration policy is a federal issue between the U.S. government and other countries. We urge our Ohio congressional delegation to work to enact immigration policy at the federal level that improves our immigration system, keeps our communities safe, protects our borders and facilitates trade.

## Signatories

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| <b>AmerisourceBergen, OH</b>                                       | <b>Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce</b>           | <b>Ohio Pharmacists Association</b>        |
| <b>Bartell Georgalas &amp; Juarez</b>                              | <b>Greater Cleveland Partnership</b>                           | <b>Ohio REALTORS</b>                       |
| <b>BioOhio</b>   | <b>Greater Columbus Chinese Chamber of Commerce</b>            | <b>Ohio Restaurant Association</b>         |
| <b>Brown Immigration Law</b>                                       | <b>Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce</b>                    | <b>Ohio Turfgrass Foundation</b>           |
| <b>Builders Exchange of Central Ohio</b>                           | <b>Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce</b>                      | <b>OhioX</b>                               |
| <b>Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce</b>                         | <b>Greater Springfield Partnership</b>                         | <b>Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce</b>     |
| <b>Carroll County Chamber of Commerce</b>                          | <b>GreatWork Employment</b>                                    | <b>Pentaflex, Inc.</b>                     |
| <b>Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce</b>                        | <b>Herman Legal Group, LLC</b>                                 | <b>Petty-Devlin Law Group, LLC.</b>        |
| <b>Cincinnati Compass</b>  | <b>Hispanic Chamber of Cincinnati USA</b>                      | <b>Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce</b>      |
| <b>Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber</b>                             | <b>Lorain County Chamber of Commerce</b>                       | <b>Priomatics, Inc.</b>                    |
| <b>Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association</b>                      | <b>Midwest Landscape Network</b>                               | <b>Regionomics LLC</b>                     |
| <b>Columbus Chamber of Commerce</b>                                | <b>Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development</b> | <b>Rüya Coffee</b>                         |
| <b>Columbus Partnership</b>  | <b>Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce</b>                 | <b>Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce</b> |
| <b>Darke County Chamber of Commerce</b>                            | <b>OhioHealth</b>  | <b>Scott Family McDonald's</b>             |
| <b>Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce</b>                             | <b>Ohio Bankers League</b>                                     | <b>Solon Chamber of Commerce</b>           |
| <b>Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce</b>                         | <b>Ohio Business Roundtable</b>                                | <b>Somali American Chamber of Commerce</b> |
| <b>Dolr</b>  | <b>Ohio Chamber of Commerce</b>                                | <b>State Auto Insurance Companies</b>      |
| <b>Dublin Chamber of Commerce</b>                                  | <b>Ohio Council for Home Care &amp; Hospice</b>                | <b>Sylvania Area Chamber of Commerce</b>   |
| <b>Eastman &amp; Smith LTD.</b>                                    | <b>Ohio Golf Course Superintendent Association</b>             | <b>T. Marzetti Company</b>                 |
| <b>Environmental Management Inc.</b>                               | <b>Ohio Grocers Association</b>                                | <b>T.L.C. Landscaping, Inc.</b>            |
| <b>Euclid Chamber of Commerce</b>                                  | <b>Ohio Hospital Association</b>                               | <b>Terranean Herbs &amp; Spices</b>        |
| <b>European American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati</b> | <b>Ohio Hotel &amp; Lodging Association</b>                    | <b>Toledo Regional Chamber of Commerce</b> |
| <b>Findlay Hancock County Chamber of Commerce</b>                  | <b>Ohio Insurance Institute</b>                                | <b>Tri-Village Chamber Partnership</b>     |
| <b>Global Cleveland</b>  | <b>Ohio Landscape Association</b>                              | <b>Union County Chamber of Commerce</b>    |
| <b>Granite Capital Management</b>                                  | <b>Ohio Nursery &amp; Landscape Association</b>                | <b>Willoway Nurseries</b>                  |
| <b>Greater Akron Chamber</b>                                       |  | <b>Wolf Creek Company</b>                  |
|  |  | <b>Youngstown/Warren Regional Chamber</b>  |