

Ohio Compact on Immigration



As signers of the **Ohio Compact on Immigration**, we are committed to promoting common-sense immigration reforms that will strengthen our economy, as well as attract and retain talent and business to our state.

We recognize the critical role immigration plays in driving continued economic growth and bringing cultural vibrancy to our communities. Therefore, we support bipartisan immigration policy reforms that ensure our federal system meets the needs of our employers and labor market; will provide a permanent solution for undocumented Ohioans who make significant contributions to our state's economy; and enforces our nation's laws. Ohio's immigration policies must reflect and reaffirm our global reputation as a welcoming, hospitable, and business-friendly state.

We urge state leaders and our national congressional delegation to adopt these five principles of the **Ohio Compact on Immigration** to guide the immigration discussion in our state.

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

Amazon Web Services	European American Chamber of Commerce of Greater Cincinnati	Ohio Council for Home Care & Hospice
AmerisourceBergen	Ferguson Construction Company	Ohio Dairy Producers Association
Bartell Georgalas & Juarez	Findlay Hancock County Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Golf Course Superintendent's Association
BioOhio	Global Cleveland	Ohio Green Industry Association
Brown Immigration Law	Granite Capital Management	Ohio Grocers Association
Builders Exchange of Central Ohio	Greater Akron Chamber	Ohio Hospital Association
Canton Regional Chamber of Commerce	Greater Cleveland Chinese Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association
Carroll County Chamber of Commerce	Greater Cleveland Partnership	Ohio Insurance Institute
Chillicothe Ross Chamber of Commerce	Greater Hamilton Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Landscape Association
Cincinnati Compass	Greater Medina Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Lawn Care Association
Cincinnati USA Regional Chamber	Greater Springfield Partnership	Ohio Pharmacists Association
Cleveland Metropolitan Bar Association	GreatWork Employment	Ohio REALTORS
Columbus Chamber of Commerce	Herman Legal Group, LLC	Ohio Restaurant Association
Columbus Partnership	Hispanic Chamber of Cincinnati USA	Ohio Turfgrass Foundation
Comfort Control	Lorain County Chamber of Commerce	OhioHealth
Darke County Chamber of Commerce	Midwest Landscape Network	OhioX
Dayton Area Chamber of Commerce	Natorp Inc.	Ottawa Area Chamber of Commerce
Dayton Hispanic Chamber of Commerce	Northeast Ohio Hispanic Center for Economic Development	Pentaflex Inc.
Decker's Nursery	Northern Ohio Area Chambers of Commerce	Petty-Devlin Law Group, LLC.
Dolr	Ohio Aggregates & Industrial Minerals Association	Piqua Area Chamber of Commerce
Dublin Chamber of Commerce	Ohio Bankers League	Priomatics, Inc.
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Environmental Management Inc.	Ohio Chamber of Commerce	Rüya Coffee
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		Sandusky County Chamber of Commerce

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