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**Ohio Manufacturers' Association Endorses Defense of Senate Bill 5**

*Law will give state and local governments needed flexibility for  
controlling costs, managing budgets and providing essential public services*

[Columbus, OH]: The Board of Directors of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association (OMA) has voted to endorse the defense of Senate Bill 5 against the November 2011 voter referendum to repeal the law, according to OMA President Eric Burkland. A 'yes' vote on State Issue 2 upholds the new law.

In support of its endorsement, the OMA Board released the following statement:

“Ohio faces an economic imperative to exert greater controls over spending and to improve efficiency and productivity in the delivery of government services. The OMA supports public policies that lower the cost of providing government services while increasing efficiency and productivity without compromising quality or putting our most vulnerable citizens at risk.

“Senate Bill 5 updates Ohio’s public employee collective bargaining law by modernizing the collective bargaining process and giving state and local governments needed flexibility for controlling costs, managing budgets and providing essential public services”

The OMA is Ohio’s public policy advocacy organization strictly for manufacturing. The mission of the OMA is to protect and grow Ohio manufacturing.

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