



March 13, 2020

The Honorable Mike DeWine  
Governor of Ohio  
The Honorable Jon Husted  
Lt. Governor of Ohio  
77 South High Street, 30<sup>th</sup> Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted:

Thank you for your outreach to The Ohio Society of CPAs regarding challenges expected in the Ohio business community resulting from the COVID-19 pandemic and steps the State of Ohio could take to mitigate that impact. In response to your request, yesterday OSCPA surveyed the 100 largest accounting firms in our state on pain points they either are already experiencing or expect to arise in the very near future. We know that time is of the essence so are today recommending an initial action that we believe will provide relief to all Ohioans as well as to the businesses who employ them. We recommend that the State of Ohio:

- **Extend income tax filing and payment deadlines, following any extensions we anticipate will be made at the federal level.** We are hearing from our members that they and their clients are experiencing great uncertainty about this year's tax filing season. Our recommendations will help give taxpayers, large and small, much needed relief in the midst of this fast-moving emergency situation.

We know that the Trump Administration is already seriously considering extending deadlines; to avoid confusion, we encourage the State of Ohio to adopt the same changes the federal government ultimately adopts. While whatever is ultimately adopted by the federal government is still uncertain, I have attached a copy of the letter outlining recommendations made by the accounting profession through the American Institute of CPAs to help you understand the various income-tax-related areas of concern.

It's also important that municipal governments in our state also follow any federal and state filing and payment deadline changes.

In the coming days we will follow-up this recommendation for immediate action with a more detailed list of recommended actions that Ohio CPAs have identified for your consideration to provide the relief individuals and businesses need during this pandemic. Taking action now to instill confidence in our economy, and to provide Ohioans with relief we believe will serve as an important complement to the immediate actions your administration has already taken to date. Thank you for your leadership during these unprecedented times.

Sincerely,

Scott D. Wiley  
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CC: Ohio Tax Commissioner Jeff McClain