

The Ohio Hotel & Lodging Association (OHLA) commends Governor Mike DeWine for signing, and the Ohio General Assembly for passing, critically-needed legislation to protect Ohio's employers and employees from the crippling economic impact of pandemic-related lawsuits. Our industry has suffered an historic setback this year, with more than 70 percent of our workforce idled and economic losses in the hundreds of millions of dollars to date. The onset of frivolous lawsuits would be an obstacle to getting our businesses back to more regular operation and bringing these employees back to work. Ohio's hotel & lodging industry is positioned to help lead the way to overall economic recovery. House Bill 606 will help to accomplish this, by providing basic protections from the inevitable opportunistic efforts to use litigation or the threat of litigation to extract financial gain from local businesses across Ohio.

