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COLUMBUS, OHIO – The below statement can be attributed to Ohio Chamber President and CEO Steve Stivers following Raise the Wage Ohio’s failure to file petitions for a November ballot issue by the July 3 deadline.

“The Ohio Chamber believes that this out-of-state interest group’s failure to submit the necessary signatures for a November ballot issue is a win for Ohio. Raising the minimum wage will only result in higher prices for Ohio families, and today’s events prove that the general public is realizing that; our polling in the last year has also steadily shown a decline in voter support for this effort.

Higher minimum wages would disproportionately harm small businesses, who would have to double their payroll costs on tipped workers, and tipped workers themselves, who already more than make up the difference in wages through customer tips. As a result, it would slow the development of new hospitality and retail businesses in Ohio and would only exacerbate inflation, which is already hitting families hard in their everyday lives, at the gas pump and at the grocery store.”

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