

June 9, 2025

The Honorable Rob McColley  
President  
Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Jerry Cirino  
Chairman, Senate Finance Committee  
Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear President McColley and Chairman Cirino:

On behalf of the Ohio Business Roundtable, I write to express our support for the Ohio Senate's proposal to establish a Sports and Culture Facility Fund using long-dormant unclaimed funds.

This framework represents a strategic and fiscally responsible approach to investing in infrastructure that drives economic development across our state. Sports and entertainment venues have long served as powerful economic catalysts, generating millions in revenue, supporting thousands of jobs, attracting tourism, and revitalizing surrounding communities. A statewide fund ensures Ohio is positioned to proactively support these capital-intensive projects as a means of regional growth and long-term economic competitiveness—not just for a single city or franchise, but for the benefit of all regions.

Importantly, the Senate's proposal avoids placing new tax burdens on Ohioans, taking general revenue funds or increasing the state's debt obligations. By dedicating a portion of unclaimed funds that have remained untouched for more than a decade, this initiative channels idle resources into a high-impact tool for broad-based opportunity.

We commend your leadership in advancing this forward-looking policy and your continued focus on strengthening Ohio's economy. Thank you for your service to our state and for your commitment to solutions that spur investment, job creation, and statewide vitality.

Sincerely,



President and CEO  
Ohio Business Roundtable

