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**Ohio Manufacturers' Association Applauds Governor Strickland  
For Role in Getting Sick Leave Proposal Pulled from Fall Ballot**

[COLUMBUS]: Eric Burkland, president of The Ohio Manufacturers' Association, released the following statement today:

“Ohio manufacturers welcome the news that the mandatory paid sick leave proposal is going to be pulled from the November ballot. If enacted as it was drafted, the proposal would have had a highly disruptive and devastating impact on manufacturing production and competitiveness.

“We applaud Governor Strickland and Lt. Governor Fisher for the principled leadership they exhibited in driving tough and honest conversations about the true costs of the sick leave proposal and how it would have undermined Ohio's efforts to create, attract and retain jobs. Their leadership clearly paved the way for the proposal to be pulled from the ballot.

“Ohio employers and employees alike should be grateful that this ill-advised proposal has been headed off before it could deal an unwelcome blow to Ohio's economy.”

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