



Ohio Grocers Association Joins Mounting Opposition to State Issue 3

Statement from Nate Filler, President and CEO

The Ohio Grocers Association stands with the Ohio Chamber of Commerce, Ohio Council of Retail Merchants, and Ohio Farm Bureau in expressing our opposition to State Issue 3. As a trade association representing a highly regulated industry, the Ohio Grocers Association support a safe workplace. Our organization has concerns on the chilling effect Issue 3 would have on workplace safety as well as employment law. Ohio's grocers want to hire drug-free individuals and provide the safest environment for our shoppers and employees. Moreover, this amendment will create a wild-west for the retail sale of marijuana at over 1,100 outlets across the state.

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The Ohio Grocers Association represents nearly 400 food retailers, wholesalers and suppliers across the state, from the largest chain stores to the smallest independent grocers. Ohio's grocery industry employs over 110,000 people in full-and part-time jobs and generate over \$18.5 billion sales. For more information, visit the OGA website at www.ohiogrocers.org.