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The Honorable Blaine Griffin
President, Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Avenue, Room 216
Cleveland, OH 44114

Subject: Legislation to be Passed Under Suspension on August 16, 2023

Dear Council President Griffin:

We are requesting passage under suspension at the August 16, 2023, City Council Meeting regarding legislation to authorize the Director of Public Health to enter into contract with the Ohio Department of Health to perform investigations of violations regarding smoking in workplaces and other public places. Delaying this legislation will hold up the Cleveland Department of Public Health from completing services such as: Protect and improve the health of all citizens in the city of Cleveland by investigating complaints regarding smoking in workplaces and public places; conduct investigations and respond to all complaints received via the Ohio Department of Health complaint database; consider, evaluate and record at each on-site investigation, the existence of "No Smoking" signage, ashtrays, the act of smoking and whether any outdoor patio areas comply with relevant state of Ohio rules and regulations; and provide investigator time for pre-hearing and/or administrative reviews which are held by phone or at the Ohio Department of Health.

Passage of this legislation will allow the City of Cleveland Smoke Free Workplace Program to accept funding from the Ohio Department of Health for the program and to increase the Cleveland Department of Public Health's capacity to enforce the Smoke Free Workplace Program for the citizens who reside in the City of Cleveland.

If you should have any additional questions or concerns, you may contact me at (216) 664-6790.

Sincerely,

Dr. Dave Margolius, Director
Department of Public Health

Approved:

Blaine Griffin, President
Cleveland City Council

Cc: Patricia Britt, Clerk of Council
All Members of Council
Chiefs Puente and Davy