April 20, 2020

The Honorable Jon Husted
Ohio Governor’s Office
77 South High Street, 30th Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Lt. Gov. Husted,

Thank you for all your efforts during the COVID-19 emergency in our state.

Through a collaborative effort, the following organizations recommend a path forward to reopen restaurants during phase one for limited capacity dine-in service while striking an appropriate balance to protect the health of employees and the public.

- The Ohio Restaurant Association, representing Ohio’s restaurant, food service and hospitality industry;
- The Ohio Environmental Health Association representing Ohio’s Sanitarians associated with local health departments and who perform food and sanitation inspections of restaurants and the food service industry;
- With technical assistance from The MetroHealth System;

Our conversations produced the attached draft recommendations formatted as an ODH Director’s Order for consideration by the Administration to achieve that purpose.

Our respective organizations represent both the regulated (ORA) and regulator (OEHA) entities in this situation and are supportive of this recommended draft Order. We appreciate the productive discussion and collaboration between our groups to produce this balanced document.

We are hopeful the Administration will strongly consider implementing this Order in the near future. Additionally, our organizations will continue our collaboration to produce guidance materials, best-practices, and educational forums to implement this Order throughout this process.

We would be happy to discuss further with you and other members of the Administration per your request and direction.

Respectfully,

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