



## Ohio Sunset Review Committee

### *Agency Questionnaire*

Agency Name Small Business Advisory Council

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Agency's primary purpose and its various goals and objectives:

The Small Business Advisory Council is established in R.C. 107.63 to advise the Governor, Lt. Governor, and the Common Sense Initiative (CSI) on the adverse impact draft and existing rules might have on small businesses. The Common Sense Initiative is led by Lieutenant Governor Jon Husted and performs a robust review of regulations that filters out unjustified, bureaucratic barriers to employment and identifies areas where Ohio's rules have not caught up with the speed of business and advancing technology.

The perspective of the Small Business Advisory Council is vital to ensuring that government hears the voices of business owners in Ohio. The meetings give our members the opportunity to highlight regulatory struggles they have faced and to interact with representatives of the government agencies that regulate them. The Council's input helps shape CSI's focus.

It is difficult to identify the friction points in government compliance without hearing directly from the people who must comply. The Small Business Advisory Council provides the link between the regulators and the regulated.

Agency's past and anticipated workload, number of staff required to complete workload, and total number of staff:

The SBAC meets quarterly, and the workload outside of those meetings is minimal. Existing CSI staff is responsible for organizing and conducting the quarterly SBAC meetings,

and for communicating with the members, other government offices, and the public on SBAC matters. The SBAC does not have any employees dedicated solely to it.

Agency's past and anticipated budgets and its sources of funding:

The SBAC does not have its own budget. Nominal expenses incurred for meeting preparation (such as printing) are part of CSI's normal daily operations.

Number of members of its governing board or other governing entity and their compensation, if any:

Consistent with R.C. 107.63, the Small Business Advisory Council consists of nine members—five appointed by the Lt. Governor, and two each appointed by the Senate President and the House Speaker. The members receive no compensation or mileage reimbursement.

Agency-recommended legislative changes to improve organizational efficiency:

The current structure of the Small Business Advisory Council has proven effective in allowing the members to fulfill their statutory duties without burdening taxpayers or the small business leaders on the Council. Quarterly meetings provide a seat at the table for small businesses and an opportunity for CSI and administrative agencies to hear how state regulations are impacting real people and job creators.

Additional notes:

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