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A Resolution to Support the Ohio State Bar Association in Opposing Changes to State Business Income Deduction

- Whereas, House Bill 166 (HB166), the state biennial budget, was enacted on July 18, 2019, and
- Whereas, HB 166, as signed by the Governor and enacted, removed the ability for attorneys to claim the Business Income Deduction, a tax deduction originally created for all Ohio businesses organized as pass-through entities, and
- Whereas, This provision was inserted at the last minute and without an opportunity for testimony or public debate, and
- Whereas, attorneys have now been singled out and are the only licensed profession in the State of Ohio who cannot use this tax deduction, and
- Whereas, Attorneys are small business owners, contribute significantly to Ohio's economy and are essential partners to small and large businesses alike, and
- Whereas, When it comes to the Ohio Tax Code, attorneys should not be treated differently from other similarly-situated businesses; now, therefore, be it
- Resolved that the [NAME OF BAR ASSOCIATION] shall take all appropriate steps to join the Ohio State Bar Association's efforts to reverse this unjust and ill-considered exemption.

