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“The Ohio Council of Retail Merchants recognizes the difficult position that Governor DeWine and Lt. Governor Husted are in during this unprecedented crisis and we appreciate the steady leadership they have demonstrated throughout,” said Gordon Gough, President and CEO.

“Our member companies are working hard to both serve their customers and keep them safe by enforcing the practices and protocols outlined in the March 22 Stay at Home Order. They will do the same with establishing the maximum occupancy limitations the Governor ordered today that will take effect on April 6,” stated Gough.

“It was very encouraging when the Lt. Governor reminded consumers during yesterday’s press conference, and Dr. Acton reinforced today, that they also have a duty to do their part to help prevent the spread of the virus while shopping,” Gough added. “Everyone should do his and her best to remember that we are all in this together.”

“Last but certainly not least, we are extremely grateful that the Governor and Lt. Governor are forming a state dispute resolution panel for businesses that are doing everything possible to comply with state orders yet find themselves being challenged at the local level. This is a welcome announcement that our members are embracing,” concluded Gough.

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