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April 13, 2015

Dear Stakeholder:

The State Employment Relations Board (SERB) has begun the process of reviewing its administrative rules as required by Ohio Revised Code ("O.R.C.") § 119.032. SERB is contemplating the possible amendment of certain administrative rules and is seeking input from our stakeholders pursuant to O.R.C. § 4117.02(K)(8)(c). Please note that the rules under consideration for possible amendment are listed in the addendum to this letter. The drafts of the actual proposed amendments to these rules will not be available until May 6, 2015. (See Item No. 2 below) Stakeholders can provide input as follows:

1. **COMMENTS/SUGGESTIONS:** Send comments and/or suggestions concerning the rules selected for possible amendment to SERB's General Counsel, Donald M. Collins at: [donald.collins@serb.state.oh.us](mailto:donald.collins@serb.state.oh.us). Please note that in lieu of or in addition to submitting comments or suggestions via email, stakeholders may attend the informal rule review meeting discussed below.
2. **INFORMAL RULE REVIEW MEETING:** On May 6, 2015, at 1:30 p.m., SERB will hold an informal meeting for representatives of public employers and employees who may have an interest in the proposed rule amendments. The informal meeting will take place at SERB's offices in Columbus, Ohio. **If you plan to attend this meeting, please notify SERB's Administrative Assistant, Erin Conn at: [erin.conn@serb.state.oh.us](mailto:erin.conn@serb.state.oh.us).**

All comments and suggestions regarding SERB's proposed rule amendments must be received no later than May 15, 2015. Please be advised that SERB will email notices of proposed amended rules and provide copies of same upon request, in accordance with O.R.C. § 4117.02(K)(8)(a) and (b). SERB will also hold a formal public hearing for any proposed rules to be filed with the General Assembly pursuant to O.R.C § 119.03. Information regarding our rule review process will be posted on SERB's website ([www.serb.state.oh.us](http://www.serb.state.oh.us)).

Sincerely,

W. Craig Zimpher  
Chair

Addendum

**POSSIBLE SERB RULES UNDER CONSIDERATION FOR AMENDMENT:**

- 4117-1-05 Continuances and extensions of time.
- 4117-1-08 Notice of Hearing; consolidation.
- 4117-1-11 Powers of individuals conducting hearings.
- 4117-1-13 Exceptions and briefs in support.
- 4117-5-04 Investigation of petitions.
- 4117-5-05 Hearing on questions of representation.
- 4117-5-06 Notice of election; access to employees.
- 4117-5-07 Election eligibility lists.
- 4117-5-08 Election procedure.
- 4117-5-09 Determining results of election.
- 4117-5-10 Post-election objections; determination of challenges.
- 4117-9-05 Fact-finding.