

# Lobbying

Representing clients before the Ohio General Assembly and the U.S. Congress, our lawyer-lobbyist team has experience collaborating with all three branches of government. Every week, we advocate on our clients' behalf with state and federal regulators. This means working closely with clients to understand the changes they need – both legislative and regulatory – to help bring their ideas together and implement a smart public policy strategy.

Our government affairs clients are represented by a bipartisan team of lobbyists consisting of attorneys and supporting professionals, and our clients appreciate the attorney-client relationship that arises through engaging Kegler Brown. Our team also features a Government Affairs Advisor with decades of experience working with Ohio's government and its budgeting process. And through our membership in SCG Legal (a global network of law firms stationed in state and international capitals), our firm has the capability to create and execute a multi-jurisdictional lobbying strategy.

## Our Services

- + **State legislative lobbying:** advocating the interests of our clients to legislators; monitoring significant legislation, amendments and hearings; preparing and delivering testimony; drafting legislation and necessary amendments
- + **State executive branch lobbying:** analyzing and commenting on pending administrative rules; meeting with regulators to influence public policy positions at administrative agencies and to diffuse regulatory crises; finding procurement leads for clients seeking government business
- + **Federal legislative lobbying:** representing Ohio-based companies and organizations; leveraging the strength of the Ohio Congressional delegation to change federal laws or to impact pending legislation
- + **Federal executive lobbying:** asserting a need for federal funding assistance for critical programs and initiatives
- + **Public policy development:** transforming public policy goals and objectives into concrete priorities

## Our Clients

We represent Ohio-based companies and organizations, as well as U.S. companies based in other states. Our clients range from startup companies to international corporations, including:

- + **Transportation improvement districts**
- + **Metropolitan planning organizations/councils of governments**
- + **Industry associations**
- + **Large corporations**

Our best-known government affairs clients include:

- + **Columbus Metropolitan Housing Authority (CMHA)**
- + **Make-A-Wish Foundation of Ohio, Kentucky & Indiana**
- + **The META Council of Governments**
- + **Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission (MORPC)**
- + **Ohio Aviation Association (OAA)**
- + **Ohio Partners for Affordable Energy (OPAE)**
- + **Ohio Salon Association (OSA)**
- + **Securities Industry and Financial Markets Association (SIFMA)**
- + **TracFone Wireless, Inc.**
- + **UWC Strategy, Inc.**

## Contact Us

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