



June 8, 2020

The Honorable Hearcel F. Craig
Senate Building
One Capitol Square
Ground Floor
Columbus, OH 43215

The Honorable Sandra R. Williams
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Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Senator Craig and Senator Williams:

I write to express my unqualified support for SCR 14 declaring racism a public health crisis. The resolution astutely recognizes that it is not just who we are but, critically, how we are perceived and treated by our neighbors, our community and our world that determines much of the disparity in health outcomes suffered by minority citizens.

Racism is indeed a public health crisis. I am pleased and encouraged that SCR 14 is identifying this as a broad societal problem.

The Ohio State University is a committed community of scholars, scientists, researchers and health care providers ready and eager to work with you and other policy makers to help create a world in which we all can live healthier, more productive and more fulfilling lives.

Thank you for your commitment to this important issue.

Sincerely,

Michael V. Drake, MD
President