



# Ohio Healthy Homes Network

June 22, 2020

Senator Hearcel Craig  
Senator Sandra Williams  
Ohio Senate  
Columbus, Ohio

Dear Senators Craig and Williams,

The Ohio Healthy Homes Network (OHHN) is writing to express our support of S.C.R. 14, a resolution declaring racism as a public health crisis and calling on the Governor to create a working group to promote racial equity.

OHHN's mission is to promote healthy, safe and affordable housing for all Ohioans. We were formed in 1997 as Help End Lead Poisoning for the purpose of eliminating child lead poisoning. While we expanded our mission in 2011 to address a range of health and safety in homes, we have continued to prioritize protecting children from lead hazards.

Current events have made us realize that our mission requires a determined focus on racial justice, equality and equity. We have recently committed to make equity an explicit part of our approach to health and housing and advocate for programs and policies that advance racial equity by their design. Our recent statement is attached.

Thank you, Senators Craig and Williams, for your courage and leadership in sponsoring this resolution.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads 'Patricia Barnes'.

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