

Ohio Senate Health Committee:

I'm a concerned citizen, a constituent of Senator Kenny Yuko, a voter and a resident of Cuyahoga county(Residing at 1345 Plainfield rd in South Euclid), where last week's peaceful demonstration against police brutality (specifically used against people of color) ended when local police fired pepper balls, tear gas, and rubber bullets into a crowd of people, instigating a riot.

This is only one example of how pervasive systematic racism is impacting all areas of life including(but not limited to) wealth, income, criminal justice, employment, housing, health care, political power and education, among other factors. Even our governor recognizes it's a problem, in his own words Governor Dewine stated (as reported by NBC4 on June 5th) "Race is certainly a factor in all kinds of health, education, and economic disparities," <https://www.nbc4i.com/news/ohio-legislative-black-caucus-wants-racism-declared-a-public-health-crisis-in-ohio/>

Those that recognize Racism but do nothing to address it, have a complicit culpability and responsibility for its impact on all disenfranchised populations that suffer from all horrific forms of it. Racism is an over 400 year problem in this country that requires the immediate and utmost attention as it is beyond well overdue, we must begin somewhere meaningful to ensure it doesn't continue. We have an amazing opportunity eradicate Racism but only if we address it comprehensively and head on, together as one.

Respectfully,

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