

## STATEMENT IN SUPPORT OF OHIO SENATE BILL 105

10/26/2021

**RE:** Sub. S. B. No. 105

Dear Sen. Sykes, Sen Schuring and Assembly Members:

My name is Shafi Shafat and I am the President of Somali American Chamber of Commerce, one of the largest minority-led chambers in Ohio with over 12000 business. We are facilitating strategic partnership and inspiring community leadership. We are helping business and startups navigate the complexities of starting and growing successful business within central Ohio with estimated economic impact of \$1.9 Billion.

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I fully support Senate Bill 105, as this bill would harmonize and streamline business opportunities for our members specifically, and equally for all minority owned businesses in Ohio. In the light of devastation caused by the COVID-19 pandemic and its disproportionate negative impact on minority-owned business, this Bill will give a tremendous boost to the recovery and thriving of minority-Owned business.

Again, I want to thank Honorable Sen. Sykes, Sen. Schuring and assembled members for this opportunity to speak before and support Senate Bill 105.

Sincerely,

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