

October 4, 2021

Dear Finance Committee,

My name is Ademola O. Solaru, resident in Cleveland Ohio. I am a Commissioner on the Ohio New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) and an entrepreneur/ CEO of a tech company in Cuyahoga County (Cleveland).

Our <u>SB 148</u> will go through a second hearing this Tuesday 10/5. I am writing to urge you to kindly support this much-needed bill.

As you might be aware, Ohio's 60,000 plus African Immigrants play an important role in keeping your district and the State of Ohio socially and economically vibrant. For instance, these immigrants have an estimated economic impact of \$2.6 billion on the state.

SB 148 will enable us to continue working to ensure the success of African Immigrants in District 9 and Ohio in general.

I would be happy to chat with you about it if needed and can be reached at 216-978-2345 or by email at demo.solaru@parthenonglobal.com. Your positive response is appreciated and anticipated, and I look forward to your support of this bill.

Sincerely,

Ademola O. Solaru

Commissioner, Ohio New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC)