

October 4, 2021

Re: Written Testimony In Support of [SB 148](#) bill

My name is Dr. Prince Ellis. I am the President of African Professionals Network (APNET), a Commissioner on the Ohio New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) and Associate Professor of Economics and Finance at the University of Cincinnati

I am writing this letter to urge you kindly to support the [SB 148](#) bill as it goes through a second hearing this Tuesday 10/5

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 look forward to your positive response to this bill. Please feel free to reach out to me if you have questions or need additional information from me. Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,

Prince Ellis

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