

Chairman Rulli, Vice-Chair Lang, Ranking Member Sykes, and members of the Senate Small Business and Economic Opportunity Committee, thank you for allowing me to provide proponent testimony on Senate Bill 105.

As the Regional Director for the Minority Business Assistance Center (MBAC) for northwest Ohio at the University of Toledo, this is a critical piece of legislation for many of our constituents. This will help minority businesses state-wide and help reduce barriers that face many of our disadvantaged businesses.

The MBAC business advisors spend a significant amount of time assisting minority businesses navigate the various MBE (Minority Business Enterprise) certification processes. Senate Bill 105 will help leverage the limited time our minority business owners have and leave more time to work on core business.

Again, thank you for allowing me to provide testimony on SB 105.

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