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Like SB 83, the members of the Youngstown Warren Black Caucus strongly oppose the language in SB 151. We do not want the bill advanced to the floor for a full vote and we request this letter be entered into the record as formal written testimony.

We especially take offense at the ban on teaching and hiring diversity, equity, and inclusion professionals at any school, but especially at the college and university level. It does not make sense that politicians who claim to love this nation that is often referred to as a “great melting pot” of people and cultures, aggressively attempt to demonize educating young adults on the rich and beautiful aspects of the many cultures that comprise our diverse communities. **By banning diversity, equity, and inclusion at any level, you are directly promoting exclusion of all cultures, races, and ethnic groups that you don’t personally belong to.** There is nothing American about that!

Lastly, we do not support taking away any collective bargaining rights from college staff. Prohibiting strikes, mediation, and arbitration in the collective bargaining process, is anti-worker and anti-union. Ohio voters rejected these kinds of measures in 2011 with the defeat of then Senate Bill 5. We stand with organized labor against this attack on worker rights. No supporter of working families would ever support this bill.

Jaladah Aslam, President

CC: Rep. Joe Miller, Ranking Member  
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