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Chair Roegner, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Hicks-Hudson, and members of the Senate Government Oversight Committee, thank you for the opportunity to speak with Senator Reynolds on Senate Bill 210.

Senate Bill 210 will designate the week containing March 16 as “Ohio Black Media Week”. This aligns with the National Newspapers Publishers Association’s (NNPA) annual “Black Press Week”, and seeks to honor the myriad of great African American news media outlets and journalists in Ohio, who continue the important legacy of the national Black Press.

I now invite the joint sponsor to speak more on Senate Bill 210.

In honoring this week, we pay tribute to the rich legacy of the national Black Press and its ongoing significance in our society. Ohio is home to a multitude of outstanding African American news media outlets and journalists who tirelessly strive to uphold the principles of journalistic integrity and provide a voice to marginalized communities. By designating a specific week to celebrate Ohio Black Media, we underscore our commitment to fostering a media environment that reflects the breadth of our society.

We look forward to working with this committee as Senate Bill 210 continues through the committee process, and we look forward to soliciting feedback from the public on this bill.

Thank you for allowing us to testify on Senate Bill 210. We welcome any questions you may have.