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Senate Transportation Committee Senate Bill 161 Sponsor Testimony Create the Ohio NAACP license plate October 11, 2023

Chairman Kunze, Vice Chair Reineke, Ranking Member Antonio and fellow members of the Senate Transportation Committee, thank you for providing us an opportunity to advocate for the passage of Senate Bill 161, which would create a license plate for the Ohio NAACP.

The goal of Ohio NAACP members is to transform Ohio and make a positive impact in advancing racial equity. The scope of their mission affects everyone. They are working to advance the political, educational, social, and economic equality of rights for all people. The Ohio NAACP is focused on eliminating hatred and racial discrimination.

Vision Statement

The vision of the national NAACP is to ensure a society in which all individuals have equal rights without discrimination based on race.

Their Objectives Include:

- To ensure the political, educational, social, and economic equality of all citizens
- To achieve equality of rights and eliminate race prejudice among the citizens of the United States
- To remove all barriers of racial discrimination through democratic processes
- To seek enactment and enforcement of federal, state, and local laws securing civil rights
- To inform the public of the adverse effects of racial discrimination and to seek its elimination

Fellow members of the Committee, I would ask that you advance this legislation, which already has bipartisan support, to build a better Ohio and create an Ohio NAACP license plate. Thank you for your attention, we are happy to answer questions at this time.