

Good afternoon-

My name is Alexandra Petrella and I am an Ohio resident living in Lewis Center. I would like to testify to encourage our public officials to declare racism a public health crisis.

To recognize racism as a public health crisis means that our elected officials need to identify and address racial disparities in education, housing, healthcare, and workforce development policies. This also includes the encouragement of policies that promote the health and well-being of people of color.

I have faith in our state that we can be an example to the country on how to take steps to overcome systematic racism by addressing our policies.

Thank you,

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