

I was born and raised in Cleveland, Ohio, and attended an affirmative action university in Michigan, where race and ethnicity were a required part of our education. The lessons I learned there were crucial to my understanding of the imbalance created due to slavery, subsequent segregation, and ongoing discrimination. All citizens should be educated with this understanding.

Anti-racism education would help protect the mental and physical health of all of the citizens of Ohio. Indeed, I believe the entire country needs to enact this policy, and it would make me proud to see our state leading the way.

Education is the way to help show any resistors of this resolution that the change is a necessary and positive step for our entire population, and a key component to the resolution.

The proposed resolution will create a workable system and provide accountability to help remedy the long-standing ill effects of systemic racism and establish a state where it becomes a thing of the past. I support the resolution and all that it proposes to create a fair and just place for all of our citizens.

Thank you again for your consideration.

Kind regards,  
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