



Mayor Annette M. Blackwell

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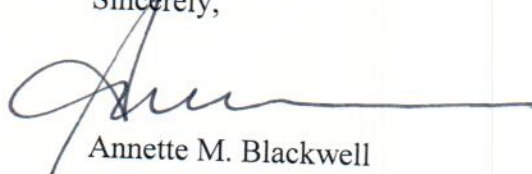
Honorable Mike Duffey
Chair, House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee
77 S. High St.
Columbus, OH 43214

Dear Chair Duffey, Vice Chair Antani, Ranking Member Sweeney and Members of the House Higher Education and Workforce Development Committee:

I am the Mayor of the City of Maple Heights. Maple Heights is an inner ring suburb of the City of Cleveland, with approximately 23,000 residents from 10,489 households, of which 30.9% have children under the age of 18 years old. The City is challenged with economic hard times such that many adults in the City are unemployed.

House Bill 203, which will establish a youth summer jobs initiative to increase access to summer employment opportunities for high school and college youth in Ohio, is very much needed in Maple Heights. I proudly support House Bill 203 and the hope and opportunity it will provide to the youth of Maple Heights to obtain their first experience with meaningful employment.

Sincerely,



Annette M. Blackwell

