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November 23, 2020

General Assembly 77 S High St # 12 Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Representative Miller,

On behalf of the Community Foundation of Lorain County, we are honored to support HB 325 to designate February 18th as Toni Morrison Day. Toni Morrison is an international treasure who has produced literature that has prompted all of us to reevaluate the world around us.

Born and raised in Lorain, Ohio, Ms. Morrison often attributed her experiences growing up in Lorain as inspiration in her writings. In Lorain County, we take pride in teaching generations of scholars about the humble beginnings and the creative success that started right here in our county.

Lorain County Commissioners declared February 18th Toni Morrison Day in Lorain County, coinciding with the late author's birthday in 2019. As one of Ohio's most notable citizens, it is only right that our state honors Toni Morrison every year on her birthday.

Kind Regards,

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