My name is Abass M Bangura. I am a member of the Board of Commission of the Ohio New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC) and a resident of Reynoldsburg, Ohio. I am also a Principal IT Infrastructure engineer by profession.

Our <u>SB 148</u> will go through a second hearing this Tuesday 10/5. I am writing to urge you to kindly support this much-needed bill.

As you might be aware, Ohio's 60,000 plus African Immigrants play an important role in keeping your district and the State of Ohio socially and economically vibrant. For instance, these immigrants have an estimated economic impact of \$2.6 billion on the state.

SB 148 will enable us to continue working to ensure the success of African Immigrants in in Ohio.

I look forward to your positive response to this bill. I would be happy to chat with you about it if needed.

Sincerely,

Abass M Bangura

Recorder and Board member, Ohio New African Immigrants Commission (NAIC)