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Council President Blaine Griffin
Cleveland City Council
601 Lakeside Ave
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Dear Council President Griffin,

I am following up today on conversations regarding the appointment process for the Cleveland-Cuyahoga Workforce Development Board (CCWDB).

As you know, the CCWDB has a distinct process to appoint Board Members. The composition of the CCCWDB -- and all Workforce Development Boards (WDBs) throughout the country -- is determined by federal law, the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act of 2014 (WIOA). WIOA mandates that states designate local workforce areas which then designate the Chief Local Elected Official or Officials (CLEOs) who make appointments to the WDB. In our local workforce area covering the City of Cleveland and Cuyahoga County, that responsibility falls to the Mayor of Cleveland the Cuyahoga County Executive. Both CLEOs must make appointments in accordance with the Board composition set by WIOA, and in particular, must ensure that the WDB is majority business/employer representation, and also includes required partners like organized labor, higher education, and the Office of Ohioans with Disabilities, among other requirements.

When the next appropriate seat on the CCWDB becomes available, I am committed to appointing a member of the Cleveland City Council, to be recommended by the Council President. CCWDB meetings are open to the public and its committees' work sessions include and welcome stakeholders who are not members of the CCWDB to help shape this important work. CCWDB Executive Director Michelle Rose will share these opportunities with City Council.

Any questions can be directed to Ryan Puente, Deputy Chief of Staff and Chief Government Affairs Officer, at (216) 664-3544 or via email at rpunte@clevelandohio.gov.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Justin M. Bibb".

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