



April 9, 2024

Council President Blaine Griffin  
601 Lakeside Ave, Room 220  
Cleveland, OH 44114

Dear Council President Griffin,

Please accept this letter of support for Emergency Ordinance No. 343-2024 and Universal Basic Employment and Opportunity (UBE).

I lend my support to this legislation, and the mission of UBE, because of its ability to transform Cleveland. One third of our city's residents, half of its children, and far too many neighborhood streets endure the burdens of poverty daily. This legislation embraces a bold vision to restore agency back to thousands and put cities in the position to directly combat poverty.

As a people centric movement, UBE started its work by giving voice and credence to the lived experiences of Black women workers and small business owners – two groups that disproportionately combat the symptoms of poverty daily. For many years, top-down solutions have had adverse consequences on people who struggle with poverty. UBE is a solution that has the voice and belief of Clevelanders embedded in its design.

On behalf of the members of United Pastors in Mission, I am eager to partner with and support UBE in this transformative and uplifting approach to overcome poverty.

If you require more information about United Pastors in Mission, please contact us via phone 440-232-2645 or email at [amanda@mtzionoakwood.org](mailto:amanda@mtzionoakwood.org)

Thank you,

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President United Pastors In Mission