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Dear Inaugural Commissioners of the Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls,

On behalf of Cleveland City Council, we extend our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation for your commitment to service in answering the call to help pave a brighter path for Black women and girls in Cleveland. Your presence and voice on the Commission are invaluable, and we recognize the significance of each of your roles to ensure that the voices of Black women and girls in our communities are not only heard but also acted upon.

Your dedication to this cause reflects a shared commitment to equity, justice, and the well-being of all residents in our city. Cleveland City Council stands ready and open to receiving your policy recommendations, understanding the importance of incorporating diverse perspectives and experiences into our decision-making processes. We are eager to collaborate with you and will work earnestly to bring your ideas to life, recognizing that your insights are crucial to creating positive change.

Your service is a beacon of hope and empowerment for the Black women and girls in our community. By working together, we can address the unique challenges they face and create a more inclusive and equitable environment for all. We believe in the transformative power of collective action, and your involvement in the Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls exemplifies the positive impact that can be achieved when individuals come together for a common purpose.

We thank you for your service to the Cleveland Commission on Black Women and Girls. We look forward to the collaborative efforts ahead and are committed to working together to build a beautiful and fulfilling life for our Black women and girls and Clevelanders overall.

Yours in Service,

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