

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

September 9, 2025

The Honorable Walter "Ted" Carter Jr.
President
The Ohio State University
University Square South, 15 East 15th Avenue, Fifth Floor,
Columbus, Ohio 43201

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