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United States Senate

WASHINGTON, DC 20510

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The Honorable Andrew Ginther
Mayor
City of Columbus
90 West Broad Street
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Mayor Ginther,

I write to express disappointment over your decision to sign a Memorandum of Understanding with the country of Ghana to inject foreign labor into Ohio on the taxpayers' dime. Instead of investing in Ohio's domestic workforce, you and the Columbus City Council chose to direct $225,000 in public dollars towards recruiting nurses from overseas rather than expanding the capacity of Ohio's own outstanding nursing programs.[1] But this figure is only a fraction of the approximately $8.3 million in taxpayer dollars you have lit on fire to benefit noncitizens and foreign governments since you were elected as mayor.[2]

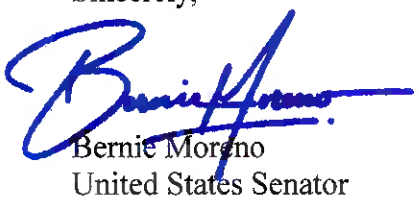
On September 15, 2026, you signed a legal document that established the Ghana-Columbus Nursing Partnership Programme, using public funds to import foreign nurses into Ohio.[3] This decision appears to replace American workers with cheap foreign labor. Ohio has many excellent nursing programs throughout the state, including The Ohio State University, Capital University, Kent State University, and the University of Cincinnati to name a few. Nurses trained at Ohio universities graduate ready to enter the workforce immediately. They generally remain in the state, earn a good salary, and deliver excellent care to patients in our state. Instead of investing in the foreign outsourcing of nursing in central Ohio, you should reallocate public dollars toward expanding enrollment and training capacity at area colleges and universities, which would generate additional high-earning job opportunities for younger generations in our community and improve patient care.

You were elected to serve the citizens of Columbus, not the citizens of Ghana. Increasing publicly subsidized foreign nursing recruitment programs will likely negatively impact American nurses' wages. These funds should be invested directly in Ohio nursing students and utilized to expand Ohio's universities and colleges nursing programs' capacity. I recommend you implement policies that invest public funds in American nurses.

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[1] COLUMBUS, OH., ORDINANCE 1481 (2026).
[2] *Id.*; 1119 (2025), 1842 (2024), 1758 (2023), 3089 (2022), 1807 (2022), 1679 (2021), 1179 (2020), 0827 (2019), 0871 (2018), 0468 (2018), 0251 (2018), 2103 (2017), 1261 (2016), 1130 (2015), 2237 (2026), 3435 (2025), 1563 (2025), 3245 (2025), 2353 (2024), 1804 (2024), 1534 (2024), 1529 (2024), 1455 (2024), 1370 (2024), 1000 (2024), 0388 (2024), 3381 (2023), 0838 (2022), 2820 (2021).
[3] Prince Adu-Owusu, *Health Ministry secures new US employment pathway for qualified Ghanaian nurses,* MYJOYONLINE (Sep. 15, 2026), https://www.myjoyonline.com/health-ministry-secures-new-us-employment-pathway-for-qualified-ghanaian-nurses/. *See also* Patricia Boakye, *Ghana, Columbus sign MoU for nursing partnership*, CITI NEWS ROOM (Sep. 15, 2026), https://www.citinewsroom.com/2026/09/ghana-columbus-sign-mou-for-nursing-partnership/.

Sincerely,



Bernie Moreno
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