

April 27, 2017

The Honorable Ryan Smith  
Ohio House Finance Committee Chairman  
77 S. High Street  
13th Floor  
Columbus, OH 43215

Dear Chairman Smith:

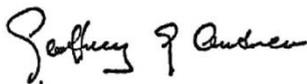
Thank you for including the restoration of INFOhio's funding for digital resources in the Substitute Budget Bill 49. The Management Council of the Ohio Education Computer Network appreciates the time given to allow us to testify before the House Finance Committee and your thoughtful consideration.

Your support of the restoration of INFOhio funding to FY15 levels means keeping vital digital resources for all PreK-12 schools: public, nonpublic, community, e-school, and home schools. Nearly 96% of Ohio's schools report they cannot provide these digital resources without INFOhio.

Perhaps the best way to express our gratitude is to remember the words of one of Ohio's students, Brianna McGuire, the River Valley High School student who testified, "INFOhio provides a tool for students like me to access quality sources without spending time and money to drive hours away. In a society where the use of the Internet and other technology is becoming prevalent, it is important to keep digital sources available and pave the way to the future of education for all."

Thank you for your continuous support of the restoration of INFOhio's funding for digital resources in Substitute Budget Bill 49.

Sincerely,



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