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Chairwoman Peggy Lehner  
The Ohio Senate  
1 Capitol Square, 1<sup>st</sup> Floor  
Columbus, Ohio 43215

Dear Chairwoman Lehner,

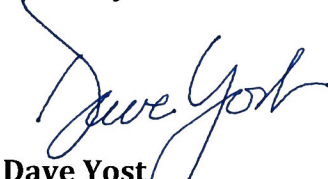
I write today to offer support for House Bill 87, which seeks to ensure that all public money is returned to its rightful school district in cases of fraud, waste and abuse.

When my office finds that public money has been misspent or misused, we issue a Finding for Recovery (FFR). Legal counsel is authorized to collect the public money, due within 120 days. In addition, I am required to notify the Attorney General.

When a public charter school has committed fraud in its attendance records, or is non-compliant in some other way concerning attendance, they are required to pay those tax dollars back to the Ohio Department of Education (ODE). The Auditor of State issues the FFR as part of the normal audit of the school. During my time as Auditor of State, my office has issued nearly two million dollars in FFRs that seek to return money to ODE. This bill will ensure that money is then returned to local school districts.

I support House Bill 87 and commend Representative Roegner for her leadership on this issue. I would be happy to discuss this issue with you or any members of the committee at your convenience.

Sincerely,



**Dave Yost**  
Ohio Auditor of State