

Mr. Chairman, Ms. Vice Chair, and members of the Senate Finance Committee,

Please pass, implement and fully fund the Fair School Funding Plan in HB110.

My children attend school in a high poverty district. It has been badly hurt by the Ed Choice Voucher deductions. My kids used to have teachers and psychologists assigned to their schools, now they are sharing these educators across schools. This hurts educators and kids. My city also has high property taxes. The community is increasingly unwilling to pass school levies.

Both these things hurt the economic viability of our city. People don't want to move here because of the property taxes. The failure to properly fund our schools is doing economic damage to my city.

I understand the price tag is a large number. Please remember that there is a tremendous cost to doing nothing. Strong schools lead to higher tax revenues and more residents. If we want to attract hard-working, innovative people to Ohio, we need to pass this plan now.

The Fair School Funding Plan will reduce our reliance on property taxes, separate voucher funding from local school district budgets, and give all Ohioans access to a high-quality public education. Public education is the heart of our democracy. This is written into the Constitution of the State of Ohio. Please invest in our most precious resource. This is urgent, kids in my district are hurting right now.

Thank you,

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