

Testimony on HB110 (Appropriations for FY 2022-23 Budget)
Submitted to the Ohio Senate Finance Committee,
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Chairman Dolan and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify about the Fair School Funding Plan in HB110.

I am a student at Cleveland Heights High School. I am an aspiring artist, scientist, and mathematician. I am two-years advanced in math, using materials I've never seen before in art, and studying Lake Erie. I have been to Columbus, Pennsylvania and Washington D.C on school trips.

All of these opportunities have been made possible by the genuine care for students that the CHUH school district provides. They are doing so much to help students, who then go on to change the world. But the state is trying to stop that through unfair and unconstitutional funding practices. Millions and millions of dollars are taken away from my school every year, even though the same amount of students remain in the system.

My school system is called Tiger Nation. Tiger Nations does so much good for the students, the state, and the world. Yet the Ohio government is doing everything in their power to stop this by literally taking money away from us. Why? Why sabotage students? Why sabotage the state by taking away excellent public education?

Please include the Fair School Funding plan in HB110. It will make a difference for me, for Tiger Nation, and for almost every student in the state of Ohio. And it won't cost taxpayers any additional money. I don't understand why this is even up for debate.

Sincerely,
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