

Chairman Brenner, Vice chair Blessing, Ranking Member Fedor, and members of the Senate Primary and Secondary Education Committee, thank you for the opportunity to share my testimony about the Fair School Funding Plan in HB110.

My name is Malcolm McPherson. I am a student at Heights High School in the Cleveland Heights University Heights School District.

I am writing this testimony to let you know how I feel about the Fair School Funding Act in HB110 and why you should support it.

I have been going to CHUH schools since kindergarten and I have always loved the schools. The recent pandemic only emphasized my love for the schools. Just after I left elementary school I heard that the aftercare teachers were being replaced for a cheaper option due to lack of funding. This was really sad for me since I had been going to aftercare for six years, and to know that because of unfair and unconstitutional funding practices in Ohio they were going to lose their jobs.

The EdChoice program takes money directly from the public schools and gives it to the private schools. Let me elaborate how insane that statement is. The GOVERNMENT is taking money from GOVERNMENT schools, and giving it to PRIVATE schools. This should not happen, ever and yet it is commonplace in Ohio. They complain about how poorly the schools perform, but they starve the schools of funds. It's like complaining about how a person, who hasn't eaten food in a week, won't work very hard. It's stupid, and there is nothing more to it.

Please fix our unconstitutional funding system. Please support the Fair School Funding Act in HB110.

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