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RE: The Urgency of Computer Science Education and Funding in Ohio

Dear Members of the Ohio Senate Workforce and Higher Education Committee,

I appreciate your interest in furthering the competitive edge we seek in the state of Ohio by making wise, strategic decisions around our budget for education. Specifically, for students interested in computer science education.

I advocate for the following actions:

1. Restore computer science funding at \$24 million over the biennium.
2. Allocate \$8 million for Teach Computer Science Grants, prioritizing underserved districts.
3. Fund the Computer Science Promise at \$8 million, providing students access to computer science courses.
4. Allocate \$8 million to the Computer Science Council, supporting afterschool programs and shaping Ohio's computer science future.

The benefits of computer science education extend far beyond the classroom. By equipping students with the skills needed to navigate an increasingly digital world, we can empower them to become the innovators and leaders of tomorrow, driving Ohio's economy forward and ensuring its long-term success.

Thank you for considering this vital issue.

Sincerely,  
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