

Testimony of Rachel Mulheren  
Before the Ohio House Education Committee  
Representative Fowler Arther, Chair  
February 21, 2025

Chair Fowler Arthur, Vice Chair Odioso, Ranking Member Robinson, and members of the House Education Committee:

My name is Rachel Mulheren and I am a concerned citizen submitting testimony in opposition to HB96. This bill would weaken the public's access to the free and appropriate education guaranteed to Americans by law.

My child will be starting in public kindergarten in the fall. Access to a high-quality public education drew us to the Ohio community where we live and that we love.

I am writing to object to the extreme cuts proposed in HB96. The vast majority of Ohio students attend public schools. Cutting public school funding will significantly weaken education in Ohio, with negative impacts on learning and job prospects. We should aim to maintain and even strengthen our public school system so that our children have rigorous, inspiring, and supportive learning opportunities in Ohio. I urge Ohio legislatures to stand for their communities and reject this bill.

I submit this testimony in opposition to this harmful bill. I urge careful consideration of the very real impacts that this bill would have on our Ohio communities and children.

Respectfully submitted,

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