

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

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Jennifer Sevilla. I am currently a stay at home mother of three with 7 years of professional experience as a youth correctional case manager and institutional parole agent. I am here to urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

Through years of experience working with an underprivileged population, it has become abundantly clear that we are in need of serious reform and compassion for others. All I ask is that you take a moment to consider if you would ever choose to invest less in your own child's private school education. I think most would agree that any parent, wanting the best for their child's future, would do the opposite. Unfortunately 80% of the students in the state of Ohio are at the mercy of what public schools have to offer, my children included. The majority of children are not privileged enough to receive the best and yet someone is always wanting to take away what little they have. Please take the time to treat the children of our state the way you would treat your own and give them the best we have to offer.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 80% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.