

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 Felita Moran. I am a resident of Orange Township and the Mom of two Olentangy Local School district students. I'm writing urge the committee to include the 3rd phase of the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan in the state budget.

We must prioritize our children as they are our future. If our state is to continue to be a place to work and live, we have to ensure that our children want to stay when they grow up and that families want to move here. I have had the privilege to live in England where my children began their educational journey. The opportunities they were provided were amazing and set to prepare them to operate in this global world. Coming back to the US, we had to be very deliberate in choosing where to live to ensure our children could have an opportunity for a quality education. We should not have to do this in our state, our state should be a standout in all areas.

I grew up in Maryland and had a wonderful education. The schools are run by county, which alleviates some of the challenges. The quality of public education is not driven by the zip code and higher property taxes, but the amount of funding given to schools is balanced. Private schools should NEVER receive more than any public school as a MINIMUM requirement.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% 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.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Felita Moran

Ohio Resident

5000 Sanctuary Dr

Westerville, OH 43082