

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

Thank you for allowing me to submit this written testimony. My name is Angela Beumer Johnson, and I am a teacher educator and parent. I'm here to urge the committee to continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

After teaching middle and high school in Indiana, in 1996 I moved to Ohio to continue my education. I am saddened and disappointed that since 1997 the state's funding has been ruled *unconstitutional* several times. The current funding is inadequate, and has gotten exponentially worse due to public funds paying for students to attend private schools.

One of my former students, a high school teacher, has been told her job will likely be eliminated next year. Her school has also noted that they will need to eliminate electives, extracurriculars, and sports. *All* our students deserve high-quality schools. A solid public educational system is key to a thriving democracy.

I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget. Thank you again for the opportunity to offer written testimony.

Respectfully,



Angela Beumer Johnson