

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 Robin Koslen. I am a grandmother of four students attending Ohio's public schools. I am also a tax payer and a fervent believer that all of our kids deserve a quality education. I'm here to urge the committee to continue phasing the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget.

Our responsibility as citizens is to provide the very best public schools for the children of our state. If we are to compete as a state and nation, our kids need access to the resources that the fair school funding plan identified as the true cost of an education. Your responsibility as legislators is to ensure that our kids have the resources they need to thrive.

Public schools educate all of our kids. They do not pick and choose leaving out those that have academic or behavioral differences. Each child deserves the best we can offer and it is our responsibility to ensure that is what they receive.

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 testify.