

# WITNESS INFORMATION FORM

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Date: March 2, 2025

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Legislation (Bill/Resolution Number): H.B. 96

Specific Issue: Fair School Funding Plan

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## Testimony – Fair School Funding Plan

Dear Ohio House Education Committee:

Ohio voters want the funding system to be fair. Fair to **all** students and **all** taxpayers. 90% of Ohio children attend public schools. Half of local school levies failed this past cycle. The Fair School Funding Plan is important because it considers the different needs of Ohio's small towns, large suburbs, big cities, and rural communities. It is needed to ensure children attend schools with well paid professional educators, cutting edge technology, life-enriching extra curriculars and up-to-date curriculum.

I want my tax dollars to support public schools instead of vouchers for **unregulated** charter schools or private schools. Since 90% of Ohio children attend public schools, it makes sense to support them so our children will be able to thrive and be successful in life.

Please include the Fair School Funding Plan in the Budget and fund it properly.

Sincerely,

Rebecca Ensworth