Opponent Testimony HB 96 by D K Shankland 3 Feb 2025

In spite of the fact that the state of Ohio is constitutionally bound to provide a common school system for its residents, Ohio has rarely fully funded its public schools in my lifetime.

The proposed budget gives away public monies for charter, parochial and private schools while setting us back in the public school financial hole that landed the state in court decades ago. Local property taxes will explode. I'm against providing vouchers to schools that are wholly unaccountable to taxpayers, particularly when it is only providing 32% of what is needed to fund our public schools. There must be audits and testing for the efficacy of private and charter school education in order to receive state monies.

Thank you.