

Chair Stewart, Vice Chair Dovilla, Ranking Member Sweeney, and members of the House Finance Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Amy Leibrock. I am a parent of a child in Cincinnati Public Schools and a graduate of an Ohio public school. I am writing to urge the committee to fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan — including updated base cost inputs — into Ohio's budget.

If this bipartisan plan is abandoned, Cincinnati Public Schools would lose more than \$27 million over the next two school years under this proposed budget. Our district's state share of funding would be reduced to 25%, an 11% decrease by 2027. These drastic reductions will result in a greater burden on local taxpayers and cuts to critical programs and services that support student success.

Strong public schools are the backbone of our society. I ask you to consider my testimony and choose to support the 90% of Ohio students who attend public schools. Please fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget. This includes the updated inputs and all tools needed to implement it properly.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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