Testimony for Substitute House Bill 96 – Molly Snodgrass House Finance Committee April 8, 2025

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

I will keep this short, since I am sure you have many of these to read. My name is Molly Snodgrass, I am a parent in Big Walnut Local School District in Delaware County. I have two young sons who are or will be attending public schools for their education.

I urge you to support the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan, and only pass a budget for FY 2026 & 2027 if public schools are fully funded using this formula. The Fair School Funding Plan was a truly bipartisan effort, developed with the input of many experts over the course of multiple years. It is an absolute shame and a disservice to all Ohio students -90% of which attend public schools - to abandon it now.

Please also reinstate the Public Library Fund, and do not reduce funding to public libraries. This is yet another invaluable service to all Ohioans that should not be eliminated from the state budget!

Thank you for your consideration of these concerns.

Molly Snodgrass