

Chairman Reiner, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Mackenzie Doyle and I am the Justice Promoter from the Sisters of Charity of Cincinnati. I am writing to you as a concerned citizen of Ohio who is opposed to House Bill 335. I know that Ohio needs property tax reform, but this is not the way by punishing schools that are already struggling to fund themselves. It is no secret that the Speaker is trying to defund public schools and the Fair School Funding plan has not been implemented. This bill continues to eliminate ways that schools can keep themselves funded without the support of the state.

Ninety percent of Ohio's students currently go to public schools, despite over one billion dollars going into the voucher system for the ten percent of students. Now this bill will make it even more difficult for Ohio schools as well as police and fire departments and public libraries to make up funding deficits.

This bill will eliminate over \$1.5 billion in annual school district revenue with no method for replacing these lost funds. This is not just property tax reform and it will not help create a better future for Ohio's children.

I urge you to vote against HB 335 as it fails to equitably address property tax reform and continues to harm public education, public libraries, and first responders.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify,
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