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Chair Roemer, Vice Chair Thomas, Ranking Member Troy, and members of the House Ways and Means Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify today on House Bill 335.

My name is Ronda Johnson and I serve as the Treasurer for the Wyoming City School District in Hamilton County. The Wyoming City School District serves approximately 1865 students in 5 school buildings. Our school district is 2.9 square miles with a 97% residential tax base.

Our school community has a long history of supporting public schools, passing every single bond issue, operating levy, permanent improvement levy and school district income tax levy over the past 50 years. Our Class I effective millage is 28.2 for operating, 2.07 for PI and 10.62 for bonds for a total of 40.90. Our school district income tax is 1.25% on a traditional tax base and we just passed a \$72.5 million bond issue in November 2024 to replace our three aging primary schools. This community loves and supports our public schools and has high expectations for our District! That's why I continue to advocate for both state and local funding for public schools - because when our public schools thrive, our communities thrive, our economy thrives, and Ohio thrives.

Wyoming is 97% residential. We have the 4th highest residential tax base of the 610+ public schools in Ohio. Our state funding has been flatlined since 2019 (on the guarantee). We are NOT at the 20 mill floor, so we receive very small growth from inside millage (3.85 mills) to support the high instructional expectations of our families and community. HB 335 will limit our already small local revenue growth from inside millage. For districts like Wyoming City Schools, with 88.3 voted mills and 28.20 effective mills, this is just yet another challenge among many being proposed by the Ohio legislature. During the last reappraisal cycle in 2023, while residential values increased by 30%, Wyoming City Schools only realized a 3% increase in general fund property tax collection. Similarly, from the 2020 reappraisal, when residential values increased by 13.33%, we only saw a 1.26% increase in property tax collection. I'm not exactly sure what problem we are trying to solve because our expenses are rising much more than these small increases.

I understand that unprecedented increases in home values have created unique and challenging property tax increases for some communities. I respectfully urge the committee to consider alternatives that protect taxpayers while preserving the financial stability schools need to educate students.

Thank you for your time and consideration.