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Chair renner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Marcy Swisher and I am a career educator and a parent of college-aged children. I am writing to urge the committee to restore the Public Library Fund to AT LEAST a fixed 1.7% of state revenue (the current amount).

Libraries remain the strongest pillar of our communities. Seniors needing help with documents, teens needing a place to study, and families looking for educational enrichment for children all find the help they need in a library. I have lived in several states, but OHIO LIBRARIES are by far the most supportive and well run. This is because the PLF assures the funds to support the important work libraries do. My teenagers still have their first library card and display them with pride. We visit the library weekly, and witness first hand the benefits provided to our community.

I ask you to consider my testimony and restore the Public Library Fund to AT LEAST a fixed 1.7% of state revenue.

Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

Respectfully,
Marcy Swisher