

Chair Brenner, Vice Chair Blessing, Ranking Member Ingram, and members of the Senate Education Committee,

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Kelsey Surface. I have lived in NW Ohio for 46 years (most of my life). I am the mom of two boys, an avid reader, and a life-long learner. I am here to urge the committee to restore the Public Library Fund to AT LEAST a fixed 1.7% of state revenue (the current amount).

Growing up, I spent my summers participating in the summer reading program and various programs at our libraries. These experiences fueled curiosity and a desire to learn. As a mom, I've spent many happy hours sharing this same experience with my sons. Today, I am fortunate to have the resources needed to have fast WiFi and computers/devices. But for many this is not the case and our libraries provide critical resources for vulnerable populations.

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.

Sincerely,  
Kelsey Surface