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Library Funding testimony

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Libraries Public Testimony

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Good afternoon, Mr. Chair Brenner, Mr. Vice Chair Blessing III, Madame Ranking Member Ingram, et al on the Ohio Senate Education Committee

Thank you for the opportunity for me to testify today. My name is Alex. I am 21 years age, and I am from Mentor, Ohio (25 miles NE of Cleveland), and 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).

I have been a proud cardholder of the CLEVNET library system for a few years now, which is a group of libraries in the Cleveland metropolitan area, and as someone who works in multiple cities in Northeast Ohio/Cleveland metropolitan area and is proud of libraries and their serving our communities. Me and groups I am a part of have hosted events in libraries in Lake County, Ohio and provide need for everyday activities, especially for low-income families.

I ask you to please consider my testimony and restore the Public Library Fund to at least a fixed 1.7% of state revenue. Once again, thank you for the opportunity to testify and have a good day!