

Testimony for House Bill 96
Senate Education Committee
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Laura Smallwood, Parent & PTO Member of Forest Hills School District

Chair Andrew Brenner, Vice Chair Bill Blessing, Ranking Member Catherine Ingram, and members of the Education committee of the Ohio Senate:

Thank you for allowing me to testify today. My name is Laura Smallwood. I am a parent of two Forest Hills School District students and am on the Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) of their school. I am concerned about the burden our community has in supporting our school district. I believe this burden would diminish by:

- Eliminating the cap on savings
- Protecting the guarantee for our district
- Fully phasing in the Fair School Funding Plan

Our PTO works very hard to provide resources, supplies and activities to enhance the student experience. We would not be able to sustain the fundraising we do should state funding drop further.

I ask that you please consider my testimony and vote to fund the Fair School Funding Plan. Thank you for your time.

Regards,

Laura Smallwood