

House Bill 96
Patricia Zawadzki
Interested Party Testimony
Senate Education Committee

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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 Patricia Zawadzki. I am a retired CMSD Teacher. I am testifying today on HB 96, the State Biennium Budget because I am concerned about the children living in Ohio.

Please consider fully funding the Fair School Funding Plan and eliminating the proposed cap on the amount districts can hold in their reserves. We cannot return to residually funding schools.

The FSFP is designed around the amount it costs to educate a student in Ohio. This money is needed to provide long- term plans benefiting both students and the community.

I am worried that if there is no proper funding, our schools will be forced to cut staff, electives, enrichment programs or reduce support services for children with special needs.

The FSFD is the best plan to make sure that every child in Ohio can receive the education they need to be successful.

Thank you for considering these matters.