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Hello Senators and thank your attention,

My name is Robin Koslen from Cleveland Heights, home of the famous Kelce brothers. I am here to encourage you to fully fund the fair school funding plan. I am giving you the benefit of the doubt and assuming that you want only the best for the 90 percent of students In Ohio who attend public schools. That is why this funding is so important

The motto we have adopted for the CHUH school district is Public is For All. We embrace this in lots of ways. There's a first grader in the school where I tutor that came to school after the fight that left one parent with a broken arm, an evening with the police and lots of chaos. Her teacher decided that reading and math were not going to work on that day. she needed a calm place to rest and yes, sleep, she was given that. The stress of this 6 year old's life is an ongoing experience and will continue to be and the staff will do the very best they can to both address her academic needs and her emotional ones. it will be work, but we are committed to it.

Third grade is really interesting. That's the year that many charter and private schools abruptly find themselves "unable to meet the child's needs. Just about a month ago, right before state testing, we received student O. He is a non reader who has attended several charters in his short academic career. He came without data to explain his academic needs. The charter he came from, did manage to collect a bunch of State money before excusing him from their institution. My district will be held responsible for his test scores though. There won't be an asterisk next to his name saying " attended CHUH school for X number of days. That said we will work with him to help him gain the skills he needs to be successful, but it won't be on this year's state report card

And then, Friday evening, I went to the high school for the yearly jazz band concert. I wish you all could have been there. The musicians were wonderful. Some will pursue music

professionally. Others won't. Several alum joined at the end of the concert to perform. Music education is important to many and because of that, we value it.

The job of public education is fulfill the motto All Are Welcome Here. We do the very best we can to provide the programming and personnel for all of our kids. We have a system that incorporates lots of carrots: music, art, sports, technology, vocational education, adults with a variety of skills to meet lots of different needs. Without those carrots, we fail kids.

Whether you are a fan of public education or have something against it, it is where the vast majority of Ohio's parents are sending their kids. The fair school funding plan is the bipartisan plan that makes sure public schools have the dollars they need to give our kids the best opportunity to succeed.

Thank you for your time and polite attention