

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

Thank you for consideration of my written testimony. My name is Adria Catanese. I am a mom with a child in a public school here in Ohio. I am here to urge the committee to fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including updated data inputs.

I graduated from public school as did the rest of my family and now my kids and nieces and nephews. We all received a great education - we had teachers who were excellent and who cared about their students. My youngest is currently in school and has teachers who go above and beyond every day. They make time for the kids between classes, they run after school clubs like the Environmental club, math club, Spanish club, etc.

The Fair Funding Plan was a BIPARTISAN plan that took years to pass. Vast amounts of research and debate went into it and legislators from BOTH sides worked towards it. School funding should not be a partisan issue - our Ohio Constitution requires the state to have public schools and to fund those schools. And rural communities will be hurt the most. Our kids deserve better than to be caught in a competition between politicians and political parties. There is NO excuse for abandoning this plan now, in its final implementation phase. And, the house didn't even offer an alternate plan!

I ask you to consider my testimony and fully phase the bipartisan Fair School Funding Plan into Ohio's budget, including updated data inputs. Thank you again for the opportunity to testify.

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