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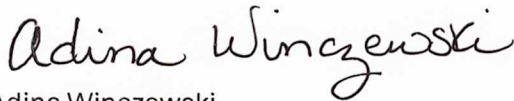
Ohio Senate Finance Committee,

I am a parent of public-school students in the Westlake City School District. I am asking you to reject the proposed state budget provision being promoted as "property tax relief" that would cap all public-school districts' cash reserves at 30%. The long-term consequences would be serious. This change would force Westlake Schools to return to the ballot more often, requesting additional tax dollars just to sustain current service.

If passed, this proposed state budget bill could strip Westlake City Schools of approximately \$15 million in locally controlled funds, undoing nearly two decades of thoughtful, responsible financial planning. This cap would erode local control and penalize districts like Westlake that have planned wisely. Instead of looking ahead, districts would be forced to operate "paycheck to paycheck", relying on uncertain funding and repeated tax requests.

Please reject this harmful budget provision.

Thank you,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Adina Winczewski". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

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