

Testimony for HB 96 Senate Finance Committee

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Chair Cirino, Vice Chair Chavez and members of the Senate Finance Committee:

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony. My name is Jennifer Schrock; I am a proud parent of a 4th grader and a preschooler. I serve on the New Philadelphia City School Board of Education, and my husband and I own a local NAPA Auto Parts Store. I am a lifelong resident of Tuscarawas County, OH. New Philadelphia City Schools has a long history of providing top notch education and extracurriculars to students. New Philadelphia, fondly coined Quaker Nation, is the heartbeat of the community. Our community shows up to support students in their academics and extracurriculars. If the budget does not implement the fair school funding formula and forces us into a claw back, New Philadelphia City Schools will be negative \$9.5 million in 2029. Without fair school funding, my Senate District, District 31, will be underfunded \$92million. HB 96, as is, will force school districts to make significant cuts in staff and programs. HB 96, as is, will hurt over 90% of Ohio children. I beg you, do your job and govern for the people. The people DEMAND fully and fairly funded public schools.

Respectfully,

Jennifer Schrock