

To the Ohio Senate Finance Committee,

I am writing to express my strong opposition to House Bill 96, (HB 96 section 259.20 item DEV CD 22) which allocates \$500,000 over two years to a foreign government. At a time when essential services across Ohio—including education, healthcare, and public libraries—are facing painful budget cuts, it is both fiscally irresponsible and ethically questionable to prioritize foreign aid over the urgent needs of our own communities. funded institutions and services every day.

Redirecting half a million taxpayer dollars away from these vital services sends the wrong message about our state's priorities. I urge the committee to reconsider HB 96 and focus on restoring and strengthening the services that directly impact the lives of Ohio's citizens.

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