

Dear members of the committee,

My name is Declan Malloy, and I am a new educator. I work in a school district that is underfunded. We have out-of-date textbooks, long delays on students receiving necessary technology, and understaffing for the problems we find ourselves in.

I am asking to restore the cuts seen in public education in the recent version of the budget. Teachers, Administrators, and most importantly, students, cannot afford to continue losing more and more funding. We are already making the best with what we have, which is not enough. We need more help from you all, but I don't know what will happen if we lose what we already have. With the recent downsizing of the Federal Department of Education, with the belief that education should be a matter of the state, I believed that our state government would be taking its share of that funding cut and increasing its aid to our students. Public education has been part of our country since its inception, and with the massive growth we've seen in this country in its nearly 250 years, funding for public education should grow with it. Please consider changing your mind on this and helping us, and continue to invest in the future of Ohio, our children.