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Chairman Oelslager, Ranking Minority Member Skindell, and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify in support of continued full funding for INFOhio Digital Resources.

My name is Deontae McCollum, and I am an upcoming senior at McKinley Senior High School in Canton, Ohio. Next year, like you, I will assume a leadership role as our Senior Class President. I am here to speak for the students I represent and all of Ohio's schoolchildren.

INFOhio is a great resource to not only me, but to my school as a whole. It tremendously helps many students gather information for important essays and projects. In my Advanced Placement Seminar class, my classmates and I use INFOhio resources for our projects and papers.

The AP Seminar class is a unique and rigorous course. Its purpose is to have students develop research and presentation skills that colleges demand from their students. AP Seminar focuses on finding credible resources and articles to use for essays.

One of my projects in AP Seminar was to examine the electoral college. The INFOhio resources were essential in researching this topic, giving a variety of different social and political aspects of the process. By using Point of View Reference Center through INFOhio, I was able to study and analyze journal articles both for and against the electoral college.

Because INFOhio offers specialized databases like Point of View, Literary Reference Center, and Biography Reference Center, it is a very important research tool for every high school student. I am already planning on how to use INFOhio next year during my senior year of high school.

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