To whom it may concern:

I am a parent of three young girls in the Lorain City School district. I am also a life long resident of Lorain and graduated from Admiral King High in Lorain. I am very proud to be from Lorain and have never minced words with individuals who speak badly about the city that I love. While diligently tracking my own children’s school life i wasn’t always as involved as i am now, with the school district. When I found out about the state takeover I was alarmed and disappointed to say the least. Even a little surprised. I personally knew so many success stories that have come from Lorain and I didn’t understand how far our schools had fallen. I started to attend meeting with Dr. Graham and other school officials to learn more. I was made aware of changes being and progress being made. And then... HB70. The state completely abandoned our district after sweeping us up into this mess of a bill. There hasn’t even been ONE evaluation completed of the current CEO. Not one! All the while he is pushing the privatization model on us! Failure after failure is being produced by the CEO and that is because HE CAN under HB70. I have lost all faith in Ohio’s education department and ANYONE responsible for the absolute lack of oversight. You were supposed to be helping us! You haven’t! I am pleading with you to pay attention to what is happening and rescue us by passing HB154/HB16. Do what you promised to do from the beginning and HELP! Repeal HB70 and return the democracy that is so important in our city! And our STATE! I promise you, if it were YOUR children being used as pawns for a bullet point on a resume you wouldn’t be quiet. Speak up for Ohio kids and end HB70 before it’s too late!!!!!

Sincerely a broken hearted citizen and parent, Sumer Harvey

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