Testimony on HB110 (Appropriations for FY 2022-23 Budget) Submitted to the Ohio Senate Finance Committee, May 17, 2021 by Fergus Donnelly, Cleveland Heights, Ohio 44118

Chairman Dolan and members of the Senate Finance Committee, thank you for the opportunity to testify about the Fair School Funding Plan in HB110.

My name is Fergus Donnelly and I am from Roxboro Middle School in Cleveland Heights, OH. I am in sixth grade.

I like my public school, especially its programs. I am in Model UN and band. I like having fun school things to do with my friends. I know that if my school loses more money a lot of these things will go away.

I'm also worried because most of the kids in my school are minorities and I feel like the state doesn't want to support programs that will help these students.

That's why I want you to support the Fair School Funding Plan. It will mean that my school has enough money and that my school can figure out the best way to use that money for us. There are a lot of different things students need in a public school.

Please fund our schools fairly and make sure everybody can get a good education. The Ohio constitution says that our schools need to be funded fairly. Right now the way public schools are funded isn't fair at all. Some schools have lots of great programs and some schools don't have any.

Fergus Donnelly