

North Ridgeville City Schools Legislative Email/Letter Script

Subject: Protect North Ridgeville City Schools

Dear Senator Manning,

My name is [Your Name], and I live in North Ridgeville. As a resident and proud supporter of the North Ridgeville City School District, I am writing to express my deep concern regarding House Bill 129.

North Ridgeville City Schools currently rely on a substitute levy that generates \$12 million annually, set to expire in 2029. If this critical funding source is lost, our district would face devastating consequences, including the potential closure of a school building and significant reductions to academic programs, athletics, and extracurricular opportunities that enrich our students' education and community life.

House Bill 129 represents a serious threat to the stability and quality of public education in our district and across Ohio. While all Ohioans appreciate efforts to manage and reduce property taxes, it is imperative that our schools not become the sole target in that effort. Public education is the foundation of our communities, and it deserves thoughtful, balanced policy. Not measures that undermine student success.

I urge you to include substitute levies in House Bill 129, allow both emergency and substitute levies to be renewed in perpetuity, and to permit districts to maintain their 20-mill floor. These provisions are essential to preserving financial stability for districts like North Ridgeville and ensuring our children continue to have access to the high-quality education they deserve.

Thank you for your time, attention, and service to our community.

Sincerely,

[Your Name]

[Your Address]

[Your Email or Phone Number, if desired]