

# CATHOLIC CONFERENCE OF OHIO

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June 10, 2010

The Honorable Denise Driehaus  
Ohio House of Representatives  
Riffe Center 77 S. High Street  
Columbus, OH 43266-0603

Dear Representative Driehaus,

On behalf of the Catholic Bishops of Ohio, we thank you for your indefatigable leadership and support in the significant restoration of budget funds benefiting chartered nonpublic school students.

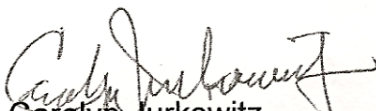
We, along with our Catholic school administrators, parents, students and parishioners, deeply appreciate efforts undertaken by you that resulted in the additional \$15 million for auxiliary services and administrative cost reimbursement. As a passionate supporter of Catholic schools, in combination with a strong willingness to raise our issues with House leadership, you are indeed a great champion of our schools. Your persistence to keep restoration dollars for chartered nonpublic schools in "play" served as the seeds for "hard" money to become a reality. Your tireless and steadfast efforts will not be forgotten.

Within our Catholic teachings on public advocacy we encourage elected officials to seek the common good. In these difficult economic and politically charged times, we praise you for supporting a just solution that reflects this good and the educational needs of all school children.


Our Catholic schools provide a vital, quality and cost-effective service to our communities. This allocation is a helpful step toward our long-standing history in Ohio of equitably and proportionately funding both public and private education.

We look forward to continual interactions with you and your staff to help forge public policy that renders the common good.

Respectfully,

  
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Executive Director

  
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Associate Director

  
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