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If  $a, b > 0$  then:

$$\sqrt{3a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{3b^2 + 1} + 6 \left( \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq 10$$

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$$\sqrt{3a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{3b^2 + 1} = \sqrt{(\sqrt{3}a)^2 + (1)^2} + \sqrt{(\sqrt{3}b)^2 + (1)^2} \stackrel{\text{Minkowski}}{\geq}$$

$$\sqrt{(\sqrt{3}(a+b))^2 + (1+1)^2} = \sqrt{3(a+b)^2 + 4} \text{ and}$$

$$6 \left( \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom}}{\geq} 6 \cdot \frac{(1+1)^2}{a+b+2} = \frac{24}{a+b+2}$$

Now we need to show  $\sqrt{3a^2 + 1} + \sqrt{3b^2 + 1} + 6 \left( \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \right) \geq 10$  or

$$\sqrt{3(a+b)^2 + 4} + \frac{24}{a+b+2} \geq 10 \text{ or,}$$

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 4} + \frac{24}{x+2} \stackrel{a+b=x>0}{\geq} 10 \text{ or,}$$

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 4} \geq 10 - \frac{24}{x+2} \text{ or,}$$

$$\sqrt{3x^2 + 4} \geq \frac{10x - 4}{x+2} \text{ or,}$$

$$(3x^2 + 4)(x+2)^2 \geq (10x - 4)^2 \text{ or,}$$

$$x^3 + 4x^2 - 28x + 32 \geq 0 \text{ or,}$$

$$(x-2)^2(x+8) \geq 0 \text{ true, equality for } x = a+b = 2 \text{ or, } a = b = 1$$