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If $a, b, c > 0$ then:

$$\frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{16}{a+b+6} \leq 3$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{a}{a+1} + \frac{b}{b+1} + \frac{16}{a+b+6} \leq 3 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{a}{a+1} - 1 + \frac{b}{b+1} - 1 + \frac{16}{a+b+6} - 1 \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{-1}{a+1} + \frac{-1}{b+1} + \frac{10-a-b}{a+b+6} \leq 0 \Leftrightarrow \\ \Leftrightarrow & \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \geq \frac{10-(a+b)}{(a+b)+6} \text{ (to prove)} \\ & \frac{1}{a+1} + \frac{1}{b+1} \stackrel{\text{BERGSTROM}}{\geq} \frac{4}{a+b+2} \end{aligned}$$

Denote $a + b = x$. Remains to prove:

$$\frac{4}{x+2} \geq \frac{10-x}{x+6}$$

$$4x + 24 \geq 10x - x^2 + 20 - 2x$$

$$x^2 - 4x + 4 \geq 0$$

$$(x-2)^2 \geq 0$$

Equality holds for: $a = b = 1$.