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If $a, b > 0$ then:

$$8 \left(\frac{a^2}{b+1} + \frac{b^2}{a+1} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) \geq 14$$

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$$\begin{aligned} & 8 \left(\frac{a^2}{b+1} + \frac{b^2}{a+1} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1}{a^2} + \frac{1}{b^2} \right) = \\ = & 8 \left(\frac{a^2}{b+1} + \frac{b^2}{a+1} \right) + 3 \left(\frac{1^3}{a^2} + \frac{1^3}{b^2} \right) \stackrel{\text{Bergstrom \& Radon}}{\geq} \\ \geq & \frac{8(a+b)^2}{a+b+2} + \frac{3(1+1)^3}{(a+b)^2} \stackrel{a+b=t>0}{=} \frac{8t^2}{t+2} + \frac{24}{t^2} \end{aligned}$$

We need to show $\frac{8t^2}{t+2} + \frac{24}{t^2} \geq 14$ or

$$8t^4 + 24t + 48 \geq 14t^3 + 28t^2 \text{ or}$$

$$8t^4 - 14t^3 - 28t^2 + 24t + 48 \geq 0$$

$$\text{or } (t-2)^2(8t^2 + 18t + 12) \geq 0 \text{ true}$$

Equality holds for $t = a + b = 2$ or $a = b = 1$