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To the Oregon Senate Education Committee

Dear Chair Roblan and Members of the Committee,

I am writing this in support of SB 1003. I have been very pleased with the passing of SB 612, and believe that the proposed testing and follow-up for students, comprising of best practice dyslexia methods and tools, will bring excellent services to many struggling readers in Oregon. This should make a wonderful difference for many children who do not have access to private tutoring.

I also am stating for clarity that Irlen testing and accommodations simply remove a barrier to reading and learning. A student cannot read if he/she cannot see the page clearly, without distortions and discomfort. Irlen accommodations do not teach phonics or phonemic awareness, but allow the affected student to better acquire reading instruction and remediation. Reading, and specifically Dyslexia testing and remediation is highly encouraged, as Irlen accommodations simply corrects the visual perceptual interference for those affected by Irlen Syndrome.

Thank you for allowing me to express my support.

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