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To Whom It May Concern:

I want to thank you for your time and consideration in advance. I recently obtained my GED from Chemeketa Community College, while incarcerated in the Oregon State Correctional Institution. I would love to go to college, and I was made aware of a program called the Oregon Promise program that assists people with funding if they apply for the program within a certain amount of time after they obtain their GED's.

Unfortunately, I am unable to qualify for this program because I cannot meet the current timelines due to my incarceration. (I am not qualified for the program until my release). I am writing because I feel it is important for me, and others like me (Of which there are many) to be considered for Oregon Promise funding after we are released from prison.

I can share with you from being incarcerated, it is truly important for me to be able to have programs like the Oregon Promise to help me get my foot in the door when I am released. I really hope that you will consider revising the timelines so that they allow for people like me, who have worked hard to obtain a GED, get this type of help when I need it most, upon my release. Thank you again for hearing me today.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tajai Carter #