

Senate Health and Human Services Committee  
Oregon State Legislature  
900 Court St. NE  
Salem OR 97301

In reference to Senate Bill 790

3/14/19

To whom it may concern;

I am writing to express my gratitude for the VIDA program. I am a single mother of 3 children and my current employment makes it impossible to support them without assistance. Without the VIDA program, I couldn't afford to pay for the college courses I need to become a Physician's Assistant. I don't have family support or support from my children's father which makes it very difficult to peruse a career and be self-sufficient. The VIDA education savings plan has made it possible for me to further my education in search of a job that will allow me to be self-sufficient.

The ability to be self-sufficient will relieve the daily stress I feel to provide for my family and it will help me feel more accomplished. Going to school to be something I'm interested in and that will one day provide me with the financial means I require to support my children on my own, has made me feel so much better about myself. Before I had this opportunity, I felt inadequate and hopeless. Now I feel like I have some direction and that I am someone important.

I can't put into words how much this program means to me. Thank you so much for all that you've done for me and my family. I hope that with the help of this program, I too someday can help someone make their needs possible.

Sincerely,

Elizabeth Iosua