



We are a non-profit education advocacy organization focused on ensuring all students receive a high quality, relevant education, especially those whose boundless potential is overlooked and under-tapped because of their skin color, zip code, first language, or disability.

March 20, 2019

Dear Chair Wagner, Vice Chair Thomsen and Members of the Senate Education Committee.

On behalf of Stand for Children, I am writing to urge your support of SB 859 and SB 958. These bills will continue to help DREAMers and DACA recipients receive tuition equity as they continue their education in Oregon.

At the federal level and at the state level, we are deeply committed to protecting and supporting our DREAMers and DACA recipients. Their contributions to our society are invaluable, and their futures must not be put on hold.

In 2013, we were part of a coalition that advocated successfully to pass tuition equity. One of our Beat the Odds Scholarship recipients, Edith, testified in support of the tuition equity bill.

Edith's story is a powerful reminder of what happens when we support our students. Despite the many different challenges she faced in her life, she persists and thrives. Now, Edith is a fourth-grade teacher at a dual immersion school in Eugene.

We must keep the momentum up on tuition equity by removing barriers and improving access to, and affordability of, higher education. SB 859 and SB 958 will help ensure that these young people who have spent most of their lives in the United States and attended our public schools can continue to pursue the same dream we all share – the American dream.

Please vote yes on SB 859 and SB 958.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Parasa Chanramy". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops.

Parasa Chanramy
Policy & Implementation Director