



*Changing Lives for Children with Learning Challenges*

April 1, 2019

To: Oregon House Committee on Economic Development  
Re: HB2052, Oregon Cultural Trust

Dear Committee Members,

Our nonprofit, The Shadow Project, partners with schools to make learning more accessible and engaging for children with disabilities so they can achieve their full potential. We support children with dyslexia, ADHD, autism, emotional disturbance and communications disorders in 34 Portland-area schools and in Yamhill County.

**This letter is in support of a renewal of the Cultural Tax Credit, the funding source for the Oregon Cultural Trust, for another 6 years.**

Thanks to the Oregon Cultural Trust, this historically underserved population has increased access to relevant literature in alternate formats designed for diverse learning needs. Our capable students are becoming confident, engaged readers who build perseverance, increase their reading proficiency, and develop a love of literacy that will serve them for a lifetime.

Thank you for considering the importance of the Cultural Tax Credit, and its continued significance in broadening cultural opportunities throughout Oregon.

Sincerely,

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Founder/Executive Director