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To Whom It May Concern representing the Joint Committee on Students Success,
As a teacher in Oregon for the past 24 years, I have seen the impacts budget reductions have on our students many times. The cuts in classroom teachers that then increase class size, making it even more difficult to meet the needs of our diverse learners, is just one of many reasons we need adequate funding at the state level. I have seen teachers moved into positions they do not have adequate training for due to cuts, where they cannot best serve the needs of our students. Our increasing need for more counseling and mental health support must be addressed to avoid further crisis in our schools statewide. This is felt on a daily basis. The growing demands on teachers to teach broader curriculum cannot be maintained with adequate professional development and time to collaborate with peers. Funding is necessary to continue to grow practices and keep pace with future ready students. Investments in education can make a difference for our kids! I have seen the positive impact of small class sizes and time with students to reach and teach them. Building relationships with students takes time and overcrowded classrooms do not allow for these relationships. We must make the investments now to provide a future that is brighter for students and teachers in Oregon.

Thank you for your time,

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"If you want to go fast, go alone. If you want to go far, go together."