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Co-Chair Roblan, Co-Chair Smith Warner, Co-Vice Chair Knopp, Co-Vice Chair Smith and Members of the Committee

Subject: Don't Leave College Students Behind in New Education Funding

Legislators have a once-in-decade opportunity to invest in Oregon students and reform Oregon's tax system, but the current plan leaves college students behind.

By 2020, 65 percent of new jobs are expected to require education and training beyond high school. To provide Oregonians the opportunity they need to thrive and for businesses to help grow the economy, we need to support students from cradle to career. Since Measure 5, Oregon students have seen tuition increases vastly outpace inflation while programs and services have been cut because state investment fell further behind. Student debt is higher than it's even been.

I have served on the Board of Education of Clackamas Community College for 12 years. CCC has been the step to family wage jobs that so many in my community of Estacada have taken over the years. Making it less accessible to lower income residents of all ages will have a huge negative ripple effect. We need to be making a college education more available, not less!!

I urge you to support Governor Kate Brown's call for including post-secondary education in the spending proposal before this committee.

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