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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

I am urging you to vote YES vote on HB 2019 which will bring a substantial down payment on investing in our students, our schools and the future of Oregon.

There's no doubt about it, \$2 billion would be a game-changer for Oregon students. With this new funding, we could: reduce class sizes, expand access to early education, ensure every student can see a mental health counselor, support culturally specific programs, provide more free lunch to Oregon students, restore art, music, physical education, and vocational prep. Without \$2 billion in new funding, we will fail another generation of Oregon students.

The Quality Education Model must be funded and it must be funded now. Every year in Portland, we watch schools tighten their belts further, class sizes increase, and electives and enrichment programs disappear. An entire generation of students is falling behind their peers nationwide because corporations and the super wealthy are not paying their fair share. They benefit the most from a well-educated populace - people who will work for them and buy their products and services.

Please vote YES on HB 2019.

Sincerely,
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