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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

As a father of three children, two of which have gone on to college in Oregon while my youngest one finishes high school, I am personally invested in the quality of education and the outcomes produced.

I believe that investment into education and therefore children and young adults is the single most important contribution a single tax payer and we as a society can make. That's why I have voted to increase my own taxes for Portland's library system, the "Arts tax" and for two school bonds adding hundreds of dollars of local taxes per year.

Better schools will produce better educated citizens. OECD studies show that countries with significant investments in education rank higher in skills.

Better educated children will have greater potential, which is especially important for children in poor families.

Therefore, I ask you to support HB 2019.

Sincerely,
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