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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Dear Committee,

My Name is Leonard Stohr and I am a resident of Springfield, a member of Springfield City Council, and a proud member of Teamsters Local 206.

Oregon schools are in crisis after decades of disinvestment. Our students and communities need an increase of revenue to give kids smaller class sizes and more individual attention, mental health supports such as school counselors, and programs to stay engaged in school -- like career-technical education, music, and physical education. That's specifically why I'm thrilled to see the state legislature consider this historic legislation that will undoubtedly change the lives of millions of Oregonians for generations to come. As a parent of a special needs child I can testify first hand to states urgent need for additional funding.

With this increase in revenue, we can create targeted success plans for low-income students, helping them to graduate on time and secure reliable employment. We can also provide greater access to free and healthy meals in schools. This is just the kind of help the working families of Oregon need from their state legislature. I emphatically urge Oregon lawmakers to support the Student Success Act. It will be a game changer for the children and families that call this state home.

Sincerely,
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