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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

I am a parent of three children and an active member in our school's PTA. I continually see how the lack of funding in Oregon schools affects our students, teachers, and families. I have also seen the amazing work that Oregon educators are doing under strained conditions. Imagine what education would be like if our educators could spend their time focusing on what they do best... educating students.

Instead, our teachers are spending time managing overloaded classrooms and trying to fill the gaps out of their own pockets. Currently, parents across Oregon are spending countless hours and resources, fundraising to fill the gaps for our students. Instead of spending our evenings with our children, we spend our evenings planning fundraising events and soliciting donations. Fundraising for public education is a full time job.

Worse, this type of funding is inherently inequitable. Portland has a nationally recognized program to try to distribute charitable donations across the district, and yet the problems still remain - schools in wealthy neighborhoods have smaller class sizes, better equipment, and more resources. This leaves our most vulnerable children at even greater risk.

The only way to equitably fund public education...it so PUBLICLY fund public education. Please support HB 2019 and show our students, educators, and families that education matters.

Sincerely,  
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