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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

Thank you so much for your work to find a solution to education funding in Oregon. I urge you to support HB2019.

I am a proud Oregon public school graduate, from the days before Measure 5, and remember looking at how the state general fund would be affected when that measure passed in a Government class. I remember thinking that there was no way our state would allow education and services to be cut as economists figured out the 5/10 year general fund impact back in 1991. And, yet, it's been more than 25 years, and I'm terrified that our schools won't be able to recover if we don't raise revenue now. There is nothing left to cut except for services and staff who make a daily difference in the lives of our kids, and even then, we have already cut school funding to the bone. We've likely all heard the saying that a budget is a moral document and reflects what our community and society feels is important. Oregon faces tough challenges ahead, as does the country, and our world. Funding education and investing in our children, all of them, is critical, and deserves support. This is our legacy to our community.

I have 3 children in public school (early learning, 3rd, and 5th) and I've seen the challenges the schools, teachers, and behavior support staff face as class sizes grow, specials like PE and music decrease, and behavior issues continue.

Our schools can't wait and we can't face more cuts. Thank you for all you are doing and your work to seek new revenue sources. We will support you in your efforts and ask you to be bold. Oregon's future is worth the investment.

Yours Sincerely,

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