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Greetings,

I am writing to ask that at this critical time in Oregon, you strive to create a strong investment in education. As a teacher in Beaverton, I have watched for over 30 years as funding for schools has slowly and drastically diminished.

Both teachers and students have struggled to make due with less and have felt the impact of reduced funding. Now is the time to fix this!

Not only can investing in education make a difference for students now, it can also provide security for Oregon in building strong future leaders. Next year, across Beaverton, classes sizes are projected to be 30+ in Kindergarten through Fifth Grades. Class sizes make a difference in education. A child in a classroom with 29 other students cannot get the individualized attention needed from the teacher. The amount of time in planning and preparing for the needs of a class of that size can be difficult to manage.

Being at a Title I School, many of our students live in poverty, that means that many of them start the year below grade level in reading, math and writing. Any extra time a teacher can spend with students does make a certifiable impact in their learning. Classroom misbehaviors also increase when class sizes are larger.

While we currently have limited ability in our building to support social emotional needs of our student body, we need more than is already available. The proposed cuts in funding would not make this support possible. We desperately need more funding to support students with behavioral challenges, provide students with technology and materials to compete in a global society, and develop new systems to help all students be successful at school. Please fund our schools!

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