

Dear Senator Mark Hass, Representative Barker, and Donald Grotting:

It's come to my attention the name of the bill has changed. The message I am sending has not.

My name is Katie Baca. My husband and I live in Beaverton, Oregon where both our daughters (Emmie, grade 2 and Abbie, kindergarten) attend Cooper Mountain Elementary School. We are active participants in our children's education and school community. **We feel strongly that the state needs to fund education adequately!** Please support the proposal from the Joint Committee for Student Success (House Bill 2019) to create a \$2 billion investment in our kids.

1. Kids need a foundation to build upon, and our local schools do that. We desperately **MUST HAVE** a smart, educated, and competent generation in order for this country to keep operating. **SCHOOLS PROVIDE THAT!** We **MUST** make this investment, and we **MUST** make it **NOW**. The key to my children's (and everyone else's!) success requires **quality** schools and the status quo is **NOT GOOD ENOUGH**.

2. Students, elementary students especially, need smaller classes and increased learning time. I beg you not to take that away from my children. We are willing to put in the effort to volunteer and be partners with our teachers and their school, but we still require certain funding for the basics.

Please show us the leadership we elected you for and to **solve** this problem and **fund schools.**

Sincerely,  
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