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To: [JCSS Exhibits](#)
Subject: SUPPORT for HB 3427
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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success,

I'm a member of the Phoenix-Talent school board and a parent of two elementary school students. I've volunteered several days a week in their school for the past 5 years and seen firsthand the challenges faced by our students, teachers and administrators. The situation really is desperate as students come to class with more and more needs and less resources to meet them. As a family we do everything we can to support our schools, but it's discouraging to see how our staff and teachers struggle daily with huge classes and tremendous behavioral issues. We've been underfunding our schools and shortchanging our students for decades. The time to act is now, and this is a landmark opportunity to do so. The Student Success Act, HB 3427, would give our students the resources they need and the high-quality education they deserve. The Student Success Act would create fairness in our tax system for the benefit of Oregon students. It prioritizes protecting small businesses, while also providing needed revenue for our schools and students. With measures to ensure funds are being spent wisely, HB 3427 is an accountable way to finally provide critical revenue for Oregon schools. This transformational investment in our schools will mean lower class sizes, increased graduation rates, expanded CTE programs and safer schools through more social-emotional learning. Please vote Yes for The Student Success Act, HB 3427.

Regards,
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