Dear Senator or Representative Jeff Golden,

I am writing to ask for your active support of the bill to protect, improve, and grow the Oregon IDA Initiative (SB 790). This bill is now in the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures. We need it to move out, either on its own or as part of the omnibus tax credits bill.

Many of in Southern Oregon rely on the Oregon IDA Initiative to build better futures for kids who might not otherwise be thinking of college as a part of their future. The IDA Initiative is one of the few tools available to us that allows us to magnify our impact so significantly.

We ask you to do all you can to see that the IDA Initiative continues to build hope in our communities. We need your help to preserve, modernize, and grow. Anything you can do to voice your support with the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures is very much appreciated.

Thank you for your consideration. And thank you as well for your service to Oregon – we appreciate your hard work and the sacrifices you make to represent us.

## **Testimony:**

Dear Chair Nathanson and Chair Hass, and members of the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures –

I am asking you to take action to ensure that Individual Development Accounts remain available to Oregonians who need them. Please include the provisions of SB 790 in HB 2164.

Individual Development Accounts are a valuable tool to give Oregonians with low incomes the boost they need to build a more secure financial future. -The IDA program gave me a chance to see a grater future by helping me pay for college. The IDA program gives other a boost to start a life. We need the Legislature to take action to keep the Oregon IDA Initiative working in our communities, and we need to expand the reach of IDAs to more people. We as the people should be given a chance to live instead of surviving.

Thank you for all of your hard work this session, and thank you for your attention to keeping IDAs available.