



## Tomorrow's physicians benefit from the passage of SB 212

Political gridlock in Washington, D.C. has created substantial uncertainty for today's students planning their careers. The absence of congressional action on "extenders" legislation means there is an increasing likelihood that students or the parents of students will not be able to deduct some of the tuition and fee expenses made to most recognized higher education programs.

Dr. Danny Leonard

As physicians representing many different practices, we are greatly concerned the absence of the federal deduction will dissuade students from considering a profession in medicine. The students most affected by the expiring federal deduction come from lower and middle income families, leaving a career in medicine only available to students with scholarships or those fortunate enough to come from wealthy families. In a time when Oregon is struggling to recruit and retain medical practitioners, especially in our rural communities, we need more students from all backgrounds.

Dr. Steve Paulsen

Dr. Douglas Okrandt

There is nothing Oregon can do to change the actions of Congress. However, Oregon could (and should) show leadership by making higher education a priority. SB 212 accomplishes this by allowing Oregonians the ability to deduct from their personal income taxes the same tuition and fee expenses previously allowed for federal income taxes.

Dr. James Luce

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We strongly encourage the legislature to support students by making higher education more affordable. Please vote **"YES"** on SB 212.

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