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Dear Honorable Representative Doherty & Education Committee members,

**RE: Support for House Bill 4140**

*My name is Daniel Powell and I have taught in Oregon's public schools for over 20 years. I have had a handful of students that suffered from TBI and had difficulties in my music, math, and P.E. classes. The problem is, as a teacher, I don't often hear about why the student's problem behaviors increase or their test scores plummet, until a 504 or IEP meeting is held (often weeks too late).*

*I support the above bill so that as a teacher "in the trenches", I can promptly find out if a student may have difficulty - before problems occur. Nothing beats pre-teaching and having the ability to anticipate intellectual and behavioral problems before they occur!*

*Please support both the students and their teachers by initiating a timely accommodation form for public schools. It is a pressing need that should be addressed.*

*Sincerely,  
Daniel Powell*

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