

March 18, 2021

Oregon House Education Committee
900 Court Street, NE
Salem, OR 97301

RE: HB 2412, -2 Amendments

Chair Alonso Leon and Members of the House Education Committee,

I'm writing today to urge your support and adoption of the -2 amendments to HB 2412. This amendment includes funding for five different college access programs that were funded in the Governors Recommend Budget. These five programs provide valuable access and supports for low-income and historically underserved students and help them to achieve their post-secondary goals.

My name is Khanh Le and I'm a TRIO Upward Bound, SSS, and McNair alum. As the first person in my family to finish high school, earn Bachelor's and Master's degrees, I'm grateful for the support of TRIO programs. We know that higher education offers a greater ROI and provides a pathway out of poverty.

TRIO Programs are very effective and many students from low-income families depend on these programs to succeed academically in high school and college. Students from low-income families often encounter and have to overcome various social, academic and cultural barriers. TRIO programs provide the encouragement, tools and strategy to be successful.

Please support HB 2412.

Thank you.
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