

Date: April 1, 2021

To: House Ways and Means

From: Christopher Matthews

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RE: HB 5510

To the Oregon State Ways and Means Committee,

Thank you for the opportunity to write you on behalf of The PWP and support for House Bill 5510. This bill and the funding for the program are instrumental in keeping those who would have been set aside and left behind due to injuries on the job, working and contributing in our communities. No one wants to sit around when they can be of use. Every one of the people involved in these programs are driven and need/needed the resources to get back into the workforce. Living with these injuries and learning to be productive and functioning without these funds is not only impossible, it would put our state workforce at disadvantage and our collective whole would suffer as a direct result of putting more people on state or federal assistance. I can tell you that I am not only a recipient but a great example of what can be achieved with support and help our state gives. I am not only asking for approval of a full budget but ask you all to see not only what is, but what we can do when we work together to make the great state of Oregon work for all who call this state home. I would not be here doing accounting and achieving a high degree of professional accomplishments without your help. I know how busy your time is and again thank you.

Best Wishes

Christopher Matthews