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Members of the Joint Interim on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education

Chair Frederick, Chair McLain, and members of the Committee:

My name is Vicky Taylor with UCAN Healthy Families and I am writing you today to ask the Oregon Legislature to maintain full funding for Healthy Families Oregon. I am a Family Support Specialist and visit families throughout Lake County.

Lake County is a vast with rural and frontier areas. Healthy Families Oregon reaches out to serve families where they are. We support mothers and babies from prenatal to three years old. Working with families on their social, emotional and developmental areas of growth. Parents work with their children to support their needs; children are ready to enter preschool or head start at the age of three.

I was the Lake County Head Star Director for 25 years. I worked with the parent groups and parent education. I always believed that the child/parent development should start at birth that is why I am working for Healthy families Oregon.

As a frontier county, there is a vast area with limited resources Please support Healthy Families Oregon and help us support the most underserved population in Oregon.

Thank you for your time,

Vicky Taylor

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