

Chair Lew Frederick, Chair Susan McLain

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

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

I am writing to you today to ask that the Oregon Legislature keep full funding for the Healthy Families Oregon. I am a parent in Lake County receiving services through UCAN Healthy Families. HFO has helped so much by supporting me through my prenatal, delivery and to date; during Covid 19 my home visitor was a life line for my family.

The program support parents with providing valuable information and activities to support child development. The program supports parent's mental and emotional issues that go along with having a baby.

Lake County is a rural/frontier area of Oregon. There are very few support systems available in our area. HFO travels throughout the county to support families that benefit from the program. Our county is over 8300 square miles; to cut funding means cutting the number of families served in a very needy county in Oregon.

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