

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:

My name is Lucretia David with Healthy Families Oregon for Douglas, Klamath and Lake Counties 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 in Klamath County. We serve 50 families every year providing evidence-based supports needed by vulnerable young families. We support families during pregnancy and after delivery to make sure both baby and parents are supported and well. Social and emotional issues left unaddressed at this stage, become bigger and more expensive later on. We provide essential supports during COVID-19 – navigating resources, providing diapers, mental health stability, etc. and always have families we turn away. This program is critical to the well-being of our families because positive relationships can help our children and community to flourish.

Thank you.

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