

April 14, 2021

Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Room H-178 Remote B,
900 State Street NE, Room H-178, Salem OR 97301

RE: SB 5555 STATE BUDGET-CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2

Dear Joint Committee On Ways and Means:

Thank you for your time and consideration of support with the bill SB 5555. My name is Angela Caschera and I am an educator at Rogue River Elementary School. I am reaching out to you for support of the bill SB 5555 in order to fund the Rogue River Health and Wellbeing Center.

This bill is important to our local community because Rogue River and surrounding areas are medically underserved and have a shortage of health professionals along with one licensed infant care provider with no vacancies because the two infant spots are occupied. Rogue River School District is the only school district in Southern Oregon without a school based health center. The Rogue River Health and Wellbeing Center would provide an infant and young children care provider, through a learning and nurturing pre-school, and a health clinic with services for dental, mental, and preventive care. Additionally, the Rogue River Health and Wellbeing Center will provide necessary services to low-income, disabilities, and mobility families.

I have been in the Rogue River Community for 16 years and we are in desperate need of medical and dental services, mental health counselors, early childhood learning, after school tutoring for older students and preventive care for the community more than ever. Rogue River Health and Wellbeing Center can provide learning opportunities and health care to many families who need it the most due to alcoholism, substance abuse, poverty, and lack of affordable health care providers. Support the SB 5555 STATE BUDGET-CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT 2 in order to provide a safe, supportive, learning environment, quality child care and health services in my local community.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Angela Caschera". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "A" and a stylized "C" at the end.

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