



May 5<sup>th</sup>, 2021

Ways and Means  
900 State Street NE, Room H-178,  
Salem OR 97301

RE: SB 5528

Co-Chairs Frederick, McLain and Members of the Committee,

I write today on behalf of the more than 750 members of the Beaver Caucus to ask that you keep higher education within reach of all Oregonians by making needed investments in the Public University Support Fund and the Oregon Opportunity Grant. Our advocates hail from communities across Oregon, and reflect the broad, bi-partisan support that exists for adequately funding our universities. To that end, we ask that you support:

- \$900 million in the Public University Support Fund to help universities cover costs, shield students from significant tuition increases and maintain essential advising and other wrap-around services for students.
- \$200 million for the Oregon Opportunity Grant to create access and affordability for Oregon's lowest income students.

We make this request in concert with our partners at each of Oregon's public universities. We all share the goal of making a college education an achievable goal for all Oregonians, regardless of background or economic circumstances. Please make these investments so that students who work hard and excel will not face additional financial hurdles that may derail their academic aspirations.

Best Regards,

Bill Perry  
President, The Beaver Caucus

The Beaver Caucus  
850 SW 35<sup>th</sup> St.  
Corvallis, OR 97333

Saturday, March 13, 2021

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown  
160 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Subject: Support Higher Education for all Oregonians

Dear Governor Brown:

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3337 SE Summerfield Dr  
Corvallis, OR 97333

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900 Court St. NE, S-405  
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520 Hodson Rd  
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900 Court St. NE, S-309,  
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Nancy Hoecker  
5540 E St  
Springfield, OR 97478



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900 Court St. NE, S-411  
Salem, OR 97301

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3245 NE 55th Ave  
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Portland, OR 97213



Sunday, March 21, 2021

The Honorable Governor Kate Brown  
160 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4047

Subject: Support Higher Education for all Oregonians

Dear Governor Brown:

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Kristin Watkins  
1380 SW Westwood Dr  
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900 Court St. NE, S-223  
Salem, OR 97301

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900 Court St. NE, S-409  
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900 Court St. NE., H-473  
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Seaside, OR 97138

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The Honorable Senator Betsy Johnson  
900 Court St. NE, S-209  
Salem, OR 97301

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Portland, OR 97229



Thursday, April 8, 2021

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900 Court St NE, S-215  
Salem, OR 97301

Subject: Support Higher Education for all Oregonians

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Subject: Support Higher Education for all Oregonians

Dear Representative Lewis:

Hello, my name is Keira Leinbach. I am an ambassador for Oregon 4-H which is an OSU extension program dedicated to youth development. I have been a member for ten years and over this period, I have learned and grown in many aspects from the opportunities and resources provided by 4-H. Things such as responsibility, leadership, time management, and many other life skills are taught to the youth of today through this organization. OSU extension has made it so there are numerous opportunities for kids of all ages to thrive. During the pandemic, everything was put to a halt until the virtual solutions were figured out. Despite not having any in person events to help promote 4-H, the organization found ways for youth to prosper but in a new virtual way. Without 4-H I would not be where I am today developmentally wise, and I could not be more grateful.

Thank you for taking the time to read this email.

Sincerely,  
Keira Leinbach

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160 State Capitol  
Salem, OR 97301-4047

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900 Court St. NE, S-316  
Salem, OR 97301

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