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As an Oregon resident and concerned citizen, I support HB 2646, a bill that would provide trainings like Youth MHFA for school employees across the state of Oregon. I urge the Education Committee to move this bill forward, so the individuals who spend countless hours with our students can become trained in a program like MHFA. These trainings would help students by enabling school employees to respond to mental health challenges in a healthy, productive way.

Additionally, students have experienced wave after wave of uncertainty and trauma, and this support will help set them up for success. Frankly I think that everyone needs this MHFA training after the last few years of upheaval, and I'm horrified that it's not already a requirement, but starting with this foundation is a good base to build from.