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My days are spent in school work settings with one of our most vulnerable populations. I tend to see children when anxiety, depression, suicide thoughts, severe diagnosis, and harm to others when they develop. In addition I help find resources to help Oregonians. It's never a dull moment. This year I've had a handful of safety plans formulated to keep hundreds of students safe. As an early childhood arrival I've been faced with many barriers, but one way or another I've had the help of our community.

Working within the mental health setting I understand how systems work, and critically think about our value to the community. As someone who sees fight/ freeze/ flight/ and even flawn I can speak to mental health perspectives. My qualifications to speak on this subject are that I hold a masters degree in social work, practice in clinical work, and currently hold two professional licenses.

During my time in higher education I've learned the myths and facts about how much (undocumented folks contribute). Not only do we pay taxes but the capitalist society benefits from low wages. In 2010, it's estimated by the US Chamber of Commerce that we contribute each year in taxes "According to the SSA, undocumented immigrants paid \$13 billion in payroll taxes into the Social Security Trust Funds." Oregon has about 11,093 dreamers in the state. All of us work with employment authorization cards. Meaning that we continue so much in taxes. In addition, our " Spending Power of DACA-Eligible Residents \$232.2 million, DACA-Eligible Residents Federal Tax Contributions \$38.6 million, DACA-Eligible Residents State and Local Tax Contributions \$26.3 million".- American Immigration Council.

Every year and a half we need to submit another application of \$495 and or have additional costs, such as lawyer fees. While attending higher education I was able to get support and help pay for my work authorization card. I honestly would not be where I am at if it was not for the help of legislation that helped cover for my fees.

As a professional now, I have to pay additional fees for my licensing requirements. When I think about inequities and social mobility we need policies that support our community. Oregon falls back with mental health providers, we have a crisis. You can find us in all aspects of services. Not only do we need to retain and support the working class and professionals, but it's our duty to protect children's lives.

I'm frequently asked to support students' wellbeing and create safety plans and that requires support that we need in order to help the wellbeing of our community. We need legislation like the one I am testifying for House Bill 2957.