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Hello,

I am writing in support of HB 2872 for establishing the Oregon Imagination Library Project and funding the Dolly Parton Imagination Library. I am a volunteer board member for Springfield Young Readers- the Dolly Parton Library affiliate for Springfield. The group of volunteers has leveraged donations from the library, Rotary clubs and Springfield Public Schools to bring this program to Springfield kids. Putting books in young kids hands changes their lives and improves their family relationships. I speak from experience because in addition to my role as a Springfield Young Readers Board member, my son was a participant and the books we received from the program changed his life.

Thank you for considering my request.

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