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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB421

Dear Committee Members,

Thank you for the opportunity to give testimony on Senate Bill 421. My name is Alex Wang, and I am a junior at Lake Oswego High School. I am a part of the robotics team in our school and love to play badminton in clubs.

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 421, the statewide majority youth-led collaborative that prioritizes the inclusion of underrepresented youth and those who have experienced disproportionate results in education. As a student leader in various clubs and organizations like Ourfuture and the robotics club, I am passionate about ensuring that the voices of young people are heard, and I believe that SB 421 is an important step in achieving that goal.

The bill's emphasis on the diversity of voices and perspectives, which is crucial in creating a more inclusive and equitable education system. As someone who has grown up in a different cultural background, I deeply understand how important it is to have a seat at the table when decisions are being made that affect our communities. SB 421 provides an opportunity for underrepresented youth to have a voice and be part of shaping the policies that impact their lives.

I believe that students' voice is critical in the decision-making process, and I commend the legislature for recognizing the importance of incorporating youth perspectives into education policy. SB 421 prioritizes the inclusion of student leaders in every ESD in the state of Oregon, ensuring that the voices of young people are not only heard but are actively shaping policy.

As a student leader, I am deeply committed to advocating for the needs and interests of my peers. I believe that SB 421 is an essential step toward creating a more just and equitable education system in Oregon. I urge you to support this bill and to do everything in your power to ensure that it passes.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Kind regards,

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