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Dear Chair Neron Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright and members of the House Committee on Education

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2767, which will create a long-term, sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools provide a safe, supportive education for youth in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders and **it is critical that Oregon begin investing in these life-saving programs.**

HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

I am a criminal defense attorney. Many of my clients suffer from substance abuse disorders that arose in adolescence. This bill is important to me because I feel that many of my clients could have avoided a criminal lifestyle had they received an appropriate level of treatment at a younger age.

Oregon ranks 47th in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven way to support adolescents in recovery as they work to gain their high school diploma.

I urge your support for House Bill 2767 and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

Per Olson