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On Behalf Of: University of Oregon
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Dear Chairs Steiner and Sanchez, and Members of the Committee

My name is Moses Montenegro, and I am a staff member at the University of Oregon, and a proud alumni (Go Ducks!).

As you are making important budget decisions this legislative session, I encourage you to support Oregon's students through robust investments in public higher education, including funding the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) at \$1.05B and increasing the Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) by \$200M.

Like many Oregonians, I was a first generation college student, and would not have been able to pursue higher education if not for the OOG.

In addition to investing in PUSF and OOG, I encourage you to sustain funding for tribal student grants, which help fund undergraduate tuition, housing, books, and other costs for eligible, enrolled members of Oregon's tribes.

Thank you for your service and support.

Respectfully,
Moses Montenegro