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On Behalf Of: University of Oregon

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure: SB5506

Dear Chair Steiner and Sanchez and members of the committee,

I am a recipient of the Oregon Opportunity Grant and my degree has only been made possible through public funding and grants. As a first generation student in a low-income family of first generation Americans, funding for grants and wrap around services have allowed me to achieve unprecedented things for my family. Because of these incredible opportunities, I can help live out the hopes and dreams of my grandparents Providing increased funding for individual students will help provide people with the education and social mobility.

I've loved my time at the University of Oregon, and I would love if Oregon weren't 45th nationally for per-student funding so that more people fall in love with and invest in Oregon and its future.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify.

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