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On Behalf Of:

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My name is David and I live in Eugene, Oregon. I am on the board of the University of Oregon alumni Association and MA double duck. As you are making important budget decisions, this legislative session, I encourage you to support Oregon's students through robust investments in higher education, including funding, the Public University Support Fund (PUSF) at \$1.05 billion and increasing the Oregon Opportunity Grant (OOG) by \$200 million.

Oregon ranks 45th in the country for per student state funding of public universities and invest less than half the national average in financial aid per public university student. As Oregon's students and workforce continue to face lasting impacts from the pandemic, we must ensure that higher education is more attainable for every student.

In addition to investing in the PUSF and the OOG, I encourage you to sustain funding for tribal student grants, which help for an undergraduate tuition, housing, books, and other cost for eligible, enrolled students of Oregon tribes.

Sincerely,
David Hattenhauer