

Chairs McLain and Fredrick, members of the committee, thank you for this opportunity to speak with you about Community College funding.

For the record my name is Mary Middleton and I am a Mathematics Full-Time Faculty member working with community college students in Southern Oregon at Rogue Community College.

My students right now are facing a lot! Many of them are single-parents, or caregivers for their parent/grandparents and attend school while working full-time jobs which often puts them working overnight on the late shift, weekends, etc. They are juggling a lot in order to make ends meet at home and keep up their studies. We also have seen our share of homeless students who appreciate the extra services we provide like Ozzy's cupboard, connections to local resources and more.

Lower enrolment and decreased revenue does not correlate negatively with our students' needs. In fact, due to the pandemic we have seen the needs of our students dramatically increase, thus a positive correlation.

I implore you to truly support our students for the next two years, fully support all Community Colleges in Oregon and fully fund CCSF with \$855 million.

Thank you,
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