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Testimony Supporting House Bill 2729

Dear Oregon State Legislators, my name is Mila, I am a part of the organization Oregon student based health advocates, and I go to Benson polytechnic high school.

For years teenagers and youth have had no self sufficient resources for healthcare and mental health resources they can get confidentially and easily. Schools should have the resources to give children the right tools to be healthy alongside giving them access to education.

For me, I was struggling with going to school and staying in school due to mental illness and family issues. Fortunately, since I was able to go to my school based health center I have been able to see a licensed therapist and deal with balancing my own problems and school. Having a school based health center has kept me in classrooms and in school. I am writing this because I am testifying in support of house bill 2729 so other students just like me can have the same opportunities and can prioritize their learning and their health.