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January 31, 2025

Oregon State Legislature Senate Committee on Education 900 Court St. NE Salem, OR. 97301

Re: Letter in Support of Senate Bill 896 – Afterschool Learning & Enrichment

Dear Senate Committee Members,

We write this letter on behalf of Neighbors For Kids, a non-profit youth-serving organization based in the rural coastal town of Depoe Bay. Our board and staff are in full support of Senate Bill 896, to establish a grant program and funding for Afterschool Learning and Enrichment.

Our organization has provided an afterschool program for students in grades K-12 from Lincoln County, Oregon for the past 25 years. We have become a vital community resource for local families. Having financial support from the State of Oregon would enable us to sustain and grow our after-school program, providing 40-60 participants per day a safe facility, healthy meals and educational enrichment during the out-of-school-time hours.

Neighbors For Kids serves a diverse group of students and the majority come from low income families and underserved communities. Our organization is committed to helping all youth reach their full potential and we provide these unique programs and services:

- Preschool, Afterschool and Summer Programs
- Child Care licensed by Oregon Department of Early Learning & Care
- Healthy Meals USDA Food Program Sponsor
- Transportation Two 12-passenger vehicles
- Social-Emotional Support
- Academic Support & Tutoring
- o Visual Arts, Music Lessons, Martial Arts
- Sports, Fitness, Nutrition Education
- STEM Projects
- Teen Development
- Field Trips (surfing, kayaking, hiking, swimming)
- Family Nights & Community Events
- Holiday Gift Drives
- Sliding Scale & Scholarships

Sincerely,

Toby J. Winn, Executive Director of Development & NFK Board of Directors