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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB2729
Chair Neron, Vice Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and Members of the Committee,

My name is Chloe Acosta, and I am a constituent in Vice Chair McIntire's district. I graduated as Valedictorian from Butte Falls Charter High School in 2022 and completed my associate's degree at Rogue Community College in 2024. I am writing in support of the School-Based Health Services Act - HB 2729.

I went to high school in Butte Falls, Oregon which is located in Jackson County. Butte Falls is a small rural town of just under 450 people. Living in a rural area that has many low-income families, many students and community members rely on school-based health centers for routine care. The school-based health center at my high school provides services such as doctors' visits, telehealth visits, prescription delivery, dental treatment and mental health services.

Butte Falls does not have any public transportation options. The nearest clinic besides the school-based health center is 30 minutes away and the hospital is an hour away. I know many students at the high and elementary school that would not be able to receive healthcare otherwise due to transportation issues, parents not being able to take time off work and the cost of care as well as health insurance status.

HB 2729 addresses critical issues to help out Oregon youth which we need now more than ever. I urge you to support the School-Based Health Services Act and vote yes on HB 2729.

Thank you for your time,

Chloe Acosta