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Chair Neron, Vice-Chair Dobson, Vice-Chair McIntire, and Members of the Committee,

Thank you for your ongoing commitment to making sure every child gets the education and support they deserve in Oregon.

As a grandmother of 3 young girls, and a teacher of a community wide auditioned choir of 300 young people, I am writing to you today as an advocate for the passage of HB 2953 and legislation that fully funds special education services. I am also with the Sacred Organizing Coalition, whose organizations and initiatives share a commitment to organizing the hundreds of community-based teams we work with - and the thousands of everyday Oregonians that are part of these local groups - to move us toward an Oregon where all belong.

In my 30 year career as an educator I have worked with many young students who needed special education specialists to learn how to cope in classroom situations and soar.