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On Behalf Of:	Western Oregon University
Committee:	Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic:	SB604

Dear Senate Committee On Education,

I am writing to express my strong support for the continued funding of the "Strong Start" grant program, which has been a critical resource for preparing freshman college students for success. This program plays a pivotal role in providing incoming students with the tools, resources, and guidance they need to transition smoothly into higher education, setting them up for academic achievement and long-term success.

Please continue to support the 'Strong Start' grant program so that we can help future generations of students succeed in their academic pursuits and, in turn, contribute to our society.

Sincerely, Renee Ray