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On Behalf Of:
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On Education
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To Whom it may concern:

I Alejandra Marquez am writing to encourage you to support SB5514 As a former early childhood educator, and a current Parent Leadership Council member I can speak to the need for funding for Oregon's early childhood birth to five programs.

Our early childhood population of children from birth to school age and their families, is one of our most vulnerable populations. We need early childhood professionals who can provide a safe and caring environment through high-quality programs.

As a mother of five I have used these programs over the years. Anything from home visits to kindergarten registrations, literacy programs and more. I don't know where I'd be without these services.

My youngest son is two years old and I have been using the services since before his birth. Thanks to Yamhill Community Doulas covered by Yamhill Community Care I was able to have someone at my side when my husband couldn't be there for baby's birth. Having that support meant the world to me.

Bill SB5514 will support Oregon's youngest. Investing in early childhood is an investment in our future.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you for taking time out of your busy schedule to read this.

Sincerely, Alejandra Marquez.