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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Chair Nathanson

House Committee on Revenue

Dear Members of the House Committee on Revenue,

As the State Representative for Corvallis, I am writing to express my strong support for Oregon House Bill 2953. This important legislation seeks to address a thirty-four-year-old cap on state funding for school districts concerning students with disabilities.

By doubling the 11% cap on funds distributed from the State School Fund for school districts, HB 2953 acknowledges the unique challenges faced by students with disabilities. This bill empowers school districts to allocate resources more effectively, fostering an inclusive educational environment where all students can succeed.

Moreover, HB 2953 A-Engrossed directs the Department of Education to prepare a comprehensive report on special education funding and expenditures. This initiative promotes transparency and accountability, allowing us to evaluate how resources are utilized across school districts and identify areas for improvement. It is crucial that we understand the needs of our students to ensure equitable support for everyone.

I also support an appropriation from the General Fund to the State School Fund to further reinforce our commitment to investing in the future of our children, particularly those who require specialized assistance.

Thank you for your attention to this critical matter. I look forward to your positive action on this bill.

Sincerely,

State Representative

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Sarah Finger McDonald". The signature is written in a cursive style.

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