

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

My name is Amanda Robbins and I am a kind person. I love to meet new people. I love to go outside, listen to music, and read books. I am an open person, though I used to not be because my life was stressful and I went through a lot. It put me behind in my education. Now, I am a Sophomore at Portland State University in the Career and Community Studies program that provides access to college for people with disabilities.

Everyone in the CCS program is great! They have done very well in supporting me. They have supported me with my homework in my classes, career development, and helped me with anything I need. They are so helpful and they have helped me get through college. I do not think it would be possible for me to get through college without CCS because I would get confused with my homework without the academic coordinator and my academic coach. Imagine that right? I find CCS really helpful in what I am doing, and they all are really quick in supporting me whenever I need help. They help anticipate when I will need help. I recently did a presentation in class, and it went really well because of the help that I received from my support system at CCS. I would not succeed without CCS.

I also really liked having my student advisor. We have all gone bowling together, and I feel really comfortable with them. I like going to campus events, meeting new people including all of my classmates because everyone is so nice. I remember in high school and middle school, I always ran into a mean person, but here I have not had that experience. Campus is great, and I love to do stuff like going to study in the library, make new friends, and go to activities. I make friends in

my regular classes, and I also have friends in the CCS program. My dorm mate is a student from CCS, and we like to do things on campus together.

Please help me by supporting Senate Bill 977 so that I continue to attend Portland State University, and so others can join me at PSU and local community colleges. Please vote for this bill, and thank you so much for your time!

Sincerely,

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