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On Behalf Of:

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As a lifelong educator in out-of-school settings, I urge the legislature to move this important work forward through House Bill 3039. Countless studies have shown after school and summer learning are effective ways to improve student educational outcomes. Aside from test scores, these programs give students opportunities to explore careers and build social skills. Oregon's educational outcomes are some of the worst in the country despite continued increases in investment. However, the critical after school and summer learning providers have been consistently left out and forced to secure funding through the private sector or fee based programs. This funding model creates structural inequities where some students have access while others face barriers due to their economic situation or the zip code they live in. I urge the Committee to move this Bill forward with a yes vote to move Oregon closer to fully funding these critical programs across the state.