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On Behalf Of:

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I am writing to express my strong support for HB 3007-2. As the Traumatic Brain Injury Liaison for Region 8, serving Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook, and Washington Counties, I have witnessed firsthand the significant challenges students face when returning to school after a concussion or other brain injury. Despite clear medical recommendations, many school districts struggle to implement appropriate academic, behavioral, social-emotional, and physical accommodations for these students. This lack of structured support can lead to prolonged recovery, unnecessary academic setbacks, and even long-term health consequences.

HB 3007-2 is a critical step in ensuring that students recovering from brain injuries receive the structured, evidence-based accommodations they need. This bill builds on the foundation of HB 4140 (2020) by mandating immediate physical activity restrictions to prevent re-injury and requiring the development of an Immediate and Temporary Accommodation Plan (ITAP). The ITAP will provide clear, actionable steps for schools to follow, ensuring that students receive the necessary academic and environmental modifications to support their recovery. Importantly, HB 3007-2 also establishes a system for regular review, ensuring that students who continue to struggle beyond six months are referred for further evaluation under special education services.

No student should have to fight for the support they need to heal. HB 3007-2 provides the structure and accountability needed to ensure that schools act in the best interest of students recovering from brain injuries. I urge you to support HB 3007-2 so that Oregon students receive the care, accommodations, and protections they need to recover safely and successfully.

Signed,

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