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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Early Childhood and
Behavioral Health

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1167

Dear Members of the Oregon Legislature,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB1167, a crucial piece of legislation that will provide much-needed resources and support to parents, babies, and families during the critical first 1,000 days of life. The importance of these early years cannot be overstated, and the proposed funding allocations for local early learning hubs and birthing villages will have a direct and positive impact on the development and well-being of Oregon's children and families.

This bill will provide funding to seven vital entities, ensuring that families across Oregon receive the resources and services they need during the most important developmental period in a child's life. From early learning hubs to birthing villages, this bill will help create a foundation for success that benefits both children and the entire community.

By allocating funds to organizations like the Blue Mountain Early Learning Hub, Yamhill Community Care Early Learning Hub, and the Women's Foundation of Oregon, SB1167 will help foster an environment where families can thrive. The bill's comprehensive approach acknowledges the intersection of education, health, and community support, which is essential for raising healthy, well-prepared children.

I strongly urge you to support SB1167 and ensure that these critical resources are allocated to the communities that need them the most. This legislation is a step toward building a stronger, healthier, and more equitable future for Oregon's children and families.

Thank you for your time and consideration.

Sincerely,

Tamarra Ragland
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