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TO: Rep. Tran

FROM: Mike Teskey, German International School of Portland

RE: Letter of Support for HB 3595

I would like to voice support for recognizing Lunar New Year as an official holiday in Oregon. Our school has a Mandarin Immersion program, and to honor our students and their families, we take Lunar New Year as a school holiday. If the state were to join us in recognizing and honoring this important holiday to many people in our school and the state, then it would allow more people to honor their heritage and properly celebrate as a family.

The Chinese community is so important to our state. They have enriched our culture and helped Oregon grow, both in its early history and today.

I hope you will join the community at the German International School of Portland in supporting this bill.

Thank you,

Mike Teskey