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House Committee on Education Oregon

Dear House Committee on Education:

I am writing to you today to urge your support for HB 2681 and Career and Technical Student Organizations (CTSOs), which play a vital role in the development and readiness of our state's youth for the workforce. CTSOs are an integral and co-curricular part of Career and Technical Education (CTE). As students prepare for the challenges and opportunities of the modern job market, CTSOs stand out as essential components in bridging the gap between academic education and practical, real-world skills.

This bill will allow more students to be a member. Many do not even begin to engage with a CTSO aligned to their career interest just because the first step of membership dues is a barrier. This bill, like the one passed in 2019 for agriculture education, will give access to a major component of all CTE programs of study to everyone enrolled in one.

Sincerely,

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