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OREGON HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

March 26, 2025

Dear Chair Hudson, Vice Chairs Fragala and Harbick, and Members of the Committee,

I am writing to share my concerns about House Bill 3030. I ask you to vote no on this bill.

HB 3030 would give money (scholarships) to future school leaders based on their race, where their family is from, or what language they first spoke. This is not fair. Every person—no matter their background—should have the same chance to get help with school costs.

Oregon already tried a similar program before. A teacher named Tyler Lynn, who teaches Spanish and has worked in our schools for over 20 years, was told he could not get the same help the state was giving to other teachers, simply because he is white. He took the state to court. The state settled the case and shut the program down. That case is called Lynn v. Goff.

Now, HB 3030 is trying to do the same thing all over again. But courts have said many times: the government cannot treat people differently just because of their race. This breaks the Equal Protection Clause of the Constitution. The state has no strong proof that this kind of race-based program is needed, and that means it likely won't survive a legal challenge.

We should help all future school leaders—no matter what they look like or where they come from. Fairness means treating people equally.

Please vote no on HB 3030.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in dark ink that reads "Dwayne Yunker". The signature is written in a cursive, flowing style.

Dwayne Yunker
State Representative, Oregon House District 3