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On Behalf Of:  
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee  
On Education  
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5516

Dear Co-Chairs and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

I am writing to express my strong support for SB 5516, which appropriates critical funding to the State School Fund. As you consider the state budget, I urge you to fully fund Oregon's public schools to ensure that all students receive the high-quality education they need and deserve.

Adequate school funding is an essential investment in Oregon's future.\*\* Our state's economy depends on cultivating a skilled workforce prepared to meet the demands of an ever-changing economy. A well-funded education system not only equips students with the academic knowledge and social skills needed to thrive but also strengthens our communities. Research consistently demonstrates that quality education reduces crime rates, increases property values, and promotes economic stability.

Unfortunately, many Oregon schools are currently underfunded, leaving students without essential services and placing immense strain on educators. Insufficient resources translate into larger class sizes, fewer mental health supports, and reduced access to extracurricular programs that foster student growth and engagement. These gaps disproportionately affect historically marginalized communities, further widening opportunity disparities.

By supporting SB 5516, you are making a decision that will have far-reaching benefits—not only for our students but for the economic and social well-being of Oregon. Investing in education is one of the most effective and lasting ways to strengthen our communities and build a brighter future for all Oregonians.

I urge you to fully fund the State School Fund to ensure that Oregon's schools have the resources they need to provide every student with a strong foundation for success. Thank you for your attention and for your commitment to the future of our state.

Sincerely,  
Adrienne Rae  
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