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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee  
On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5516

Dear Senate Committee members,

My son attends a K-8 public school and my daughter will join him next year. My family wants to support our public school system even though both me and my husband attended private schools growing up. Our public schools need investment. They are the foundation of our society and economy. Please dedicate more funding to our public school system so that it can provide the best possible education to the children of Oregon. Our school in Portland is facing additional cuts to teaching staff next year due to the lack of adequate funding from the state. Class sizes are already too large - my son's first grade class has 29 students and no assistant teachers.

Two independent groups of experts, Quality Education Commission and the American Institute for Research, have determined that Oregon actually needs to increase its school funding to achieve better outcomes for students.

We urge the legislature to give schools and students a chance and the necessary resources to improve outcomes. The current status quo is not working. Not for our children, not for us as a state.

Thank you for your consideration.

Kelly Reid  
Parent of Portland Public School students