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Hello,

I've been a teacher here in the Portland area for over 25 years. I have seen the dramatic changes in children's attention and social learning during the time that cell phones have become an all day, every day part of life. I started teaching in 1998, and the changes by 2015 caused me to transition my career to counseling parents about healthy screen/phone use.

I support HB 2251 because kids and teens deserve to be in a learning environment that isn't full of irresistible distractions. They deserve to have their school hours full of face-to-face interaction so they can learn social skills. They deserve to have the adults around them protect them from the addictive products designed to make technology companies very rich, products that aren't in any way designed with the well-being of adolescents and children in mind.

I urge you to pass HB 2251 for the health and safety of our vulnerable children, so schools can be a place for focused learning and face-to-face socializing again.

Thank-you.