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To whom it may concern:

My name is Tawnie Kimsey. I am a member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde and currently attending Portland Community College in pursuit of my Associates of Arts Oregon Transfer Degree.

I am writing to express my strong support for the continuation of the Oregon Tribal Student Grant. As a recipient of this grant, I can personally attest to the profound impact it has had on my educational journey, my family, and my overall well-being . As a single parent pursuing higher education, the financial and emotional challenges can often feel overwhelming. However the Oregon Tribal Student Grant has been a crucial source of support, enabling me to stay focused and motivated in my studies. It has helped the financial burden of tuition, books, and living expenses, allowing me to dedicate more time and energy to my academic and personal goals.

Beyond the practical support, the Oregon Tribal Student Grant has validated my efforts and sacrifices. It has empowered me to continue pursuing a degree that will ultimately, benefit not only my family but also my tribal community as I gain more skills and knowledge to give back. The support of the Oregon Tribal Student Grant has made my pursuit to reach my academic goals not just possible, but truly worthwhile.

I urge you to continue funding and supporting the Oregon Tribal Student Grant. Its positive impact on tribal students, families, and the future generations cannot be overstated.

Thank you for recognizing the importance of investing in Indigenous students and our future.

Sincerely,

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