

To: Oregon State Legislature

Re: Support for Oregon Tribal Student Grant Funding-SB 5525

Dear Honorable Members of the Oregon State Legislature,

My name is Stacey Runningbird and I am an enrolled member of the Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde. I am writing to strongly urge your continued support for the Oregon Tribal Student Grant through House Bill SB 5525.

This grant has helped me change my life around.

I dropped out of school at 14 years old and after I had kids I thought to myself that I want to be someone they can be proud of so I went back to school. I am going to school to teach my children that it is important to get an education. This grant has help me be able to support my children while I go to school. I know that there are several other stories just like mine whose life is being changed by getting this grant. I would love to see more indigenous people be successful and this would be a huge support in reaching this dream.

With deep appreciation

Stacey Runningbird

Confederated Tribes of Grand Ronde Member, Roll #3294