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On Behalf Of:

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Response

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My sons are preschoolers at Arc-en-ciel Montessori, located across the street from Dawson Park in Portland. I work within a couple blocks from the park and have for three years. In my time as a community member, I have seen first hand the impact of drug dealing on the park and surrounding blocks. When I learned at a press conference recently that the law doesn't include preschools I was surprised and disappointed.

Multnomah County is working on creating more inclusive preschool opportunities, recognizing the value of early childhood education in the cognitive and emotional development of our young. Alongside this growth in educational opportunities, it seems crucial for this legislative change to occur in order to protect our youngest school attending children from potential harm. I would therefore like to enthusiastically testify in favor of this measure.

Thank you for all that you do and for taking our concerns into consideration.

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