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My name is Alex Enkey, and I'm submitting this testimony in support of HB 2997. I am a current senior at Umatilla High School.

When I first joined College Possible, I wasn't sure I'd stick with it. I was excited about college and eager to be part of a program focused on helping students prepare—but I doubted how much it could really help me. I felt like I already had things figured out. Looking back now, I realize how wrong I was. College Possible has supported me in more ways than I can fully explain, but I'll do my best to highlight a few of the most important ones.

College Possible opened my eyes to what college could actually look and feel like. Through campus tours and college visits they arranged, I began to understand what I wanted in a school—not just academically, but in terms of environment and culture. Those visits gave me a sense of what it feels like to be part of a college community. Beyond that, the program connected me with mentors who offered guidance, encouragement, and support throughout my journey. Knowing that I had people to turn to for advice made a huge difference. Their dedication—the time, effort, and care they pour into each student—is something I'll always be grateful for.

The true impact of programs like College Possible can't always be measured in numbers. You can't quantify every opportunity offered or every life changed. But I can say with confidence: College Possible has changed lives—and it's changed mine. I hope today you'll be inspired to support HB 2997 and continue funding organizations that make college access a reality for students.