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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education

Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5525

I am writing in support for SB 5525 which includes funding of non-profit mediation services in Oregon. I am a trained volunteer mediator in Marion County, acting as a facilitator for restorative justice meetings between juvenile offenders and those they have harmed. I have seen amazing results from this process for both parties, plus at a substantial cost savings were these cases to go through the traditional justice system. Mediation is also a powerful and effective way to resolve many types of conflict, again with a more satisfactory conclusion as well as cost savings from diverting from the legal system. Please consider supporting this bill and funding. Thank you.