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I work in Alternative Education in Southern Oregon. Our students are often those who have not been successful in the regular classroom and need more support to bridge their learning gaps. Alternative Education is historically underfunded and understaffed. We also rely heavily on federal funding to run our school. This year, our students have demonstrated significant academic and behavioral growth due to the systems and policies we have implemented. We need continued support and funding to maintain this growth, and to continue to lift our students up. Many students in Alternative Education arrive there disheartened and disenfranchised with the education system because our schools do not have the capacity to adequately meet their needs. Securing funding for Oregon schools will allow us to better support our community and help appropriately meet the needs of our students.