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Co-chair Gorsek, Co-Chair Smith, members of the committee,

My name is Maikyla Gorrono. I am the daughter of a tenured Chief of Staff in the House of Representatives sharing my opposition to HB 5016.

My mother's first session was when I was 3, she then started full-time with the Oregon Legislature the year I turned 10, the first couple of years her job was only tough on me during the session & that was ok because it was the name of the game.

During high school, which funny enough coincided with COVID, her work, her hours, and her time with our family changed.

We could no longer go on family vacations without her laptop and work breaks built into the schedule. Travel was built around bill meetings, or scheduling meetings, or constituent calls, don't get me wrong, I have got to meet some really cool reps and a handful of governors, but I also, recall meetings while in line at Disneyland, multiple missed swim meets and that one really special time she volleyball playoffs because work went just too long during Leg. Days.

My mothers loyalty to the Capitol & Leadership never waived even as the workload has doubled. As a child and now into being a young adult in college I also wondered why does her session help always leave after those magical words "Sine Die"

When I heard about the possibility of reps getting extra staff, it was exciting, but now I hear about the budget and trust me, I understand budgeting, I grew up with a single mom. So as a lifelong Oregonian and someone who essentially grew up in the Capitol, I ask our State Leadership for CREATIVITY, now it is your time to be creative! Explore the same creativity that my mother and her coworkers have explored over the years to serve Oregonians with not enough time in the day to get the work done, but yet they did. Now it is your time to stand up and lead for not just my mom, but for all the people who are serving you.

Respectfully,

Maikyla Gorrono