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On Behalf Of:

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Chair Hudson, Vice-chair McIntire, and Members of the Committee:

My name is Tammy Adams. I am a constituent from Gresham. I am writing today to highlight the importance of Outdoor School in Oregon and its lasting impact on our state's students. This program has been a key component of Oregon's education system, instilling in children a deep appreciation and stewardship for the natural world.

Outdoor School provides a unique opportunity for students to learn about environmental conservation and develop essential skills that benefit them throughout their lives. Furthermore, it introduces students to potential career paths in natural resource management and related fields. Notably, the program has also expanded its accessibility by providing accommodations for students with disabilities, such as wheelchairs and paraeducators for one-on-one support.

As demonstrated by the success of the Outdoor School for All campaign in 2016, the people of Oregon place a high value on this program and its mission. In recognition of this, voters overwhelmingly passed Measure 99, which aimed to ensure that every student, regardless of district size or budget, has the opportunity to participate in Outdoor School.

I respectfully urge you to support Representative Hudson's legislation to secure funding for Outdoor School. By doing so, you will honor the will of the voters who passed Measure 99 and safeguard the legacy of Outdoor School, which has been essential to Oregon's education system for generations.

Thank you for considering this critical issue and your commitment to protecting Oregon's environment for future generations.

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