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On Behalf Of:

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Hello:

My name is Luke Grange and Outdoor School changed my life. As a 6th grader (1993), high school Student Leader (1998-2000) and an adult staff member (2006, 2010), the ability to learn and teach outdoors has been transformative for me.

Outdoor School started me on a path of environmental education where today I reach over 5,000 4th graders a year in Michigan's own Outdoor School model, Nature Awaits. Like Outdoor School, many of the kids we see are from urban areas and are overwhelmed by the outdoors— yet it is their right and responsibility to get to experience all the natural world has to offer us.

I urge you to support Oregon's children and teachers by helping restore funding to Outdoor School. This program is too important to lose.

Most sincerely,

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