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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB1572

Dear Senate Committee on Education,

As an educator for many years, I have witnessed and experienced behaviors that would shock and appall the general public. Learning is disrupted frequently by a small number of students with seemingly no way to stop it. People will say, just remove them from the class or suspend them. But that isn't possible. Hands are tied by laws put in place to protect against picking on a certain group of people. But what has happened has created something that hadn't been anticipated. The learning environment has become harmful, hostile, and dangerous. Over the years, I have known students who want to learn that have cheered when a disruptive student was absent, thanked a teacher when a student was finally removed, and petitioned administration to have a student removed. It seems the educational system has become numb to these behaviors and their impact on students who are there for the purpose of learning. Oregon's public education system doesn't score well compared to other states. It's time to get back to learning. I ask you to support SB 1572.