



March 18th, 2013

To Whom this May Concern,

This letter is in regards to House Bill 2787, in the Oregon State Legislature 2013 Session, Oregon's Tuition Equity Bill. Causa Oregon would like to express its full support for this bill and would like our Oregon State Senate Higher Education Committee Members to vote it out of committee and all Senators to take a "Yes" Vote on the Floor.

Causa Oregon, represents a large network of Latinos in the Northwest. Causa is Oregon's statewide Latino immigrant rights organization. We work to defend and advance immigrant rights by coordinating with local, state, and national coalitions and allies. We are the largest Latino civil and human rights organization in the Pacific Northwest.

All people in Oregon will benefit from a more equitable post-secondary education system. Passing HB 2787 would bring millions of dollars into our universities that otherwise simply would not be there. Tuition Equity is about continuing Oregon's investment in its students beyond the high-school level, increasing our state's educational attainment and infusing our public universities with more tuition dollars. We believe throwing away this investment is unwise. We can't afford to let our investment in K-12 students go to waste by pricing Oregon educated students out of Oregon universities where out of state tuition is three times the cost of in-state tuition.

Please vote "YES" on HB 2787. Feel free to contact us if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

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