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To: Members of the Senate Education and Workforce Development Committee

Fr: Matt Swanson, SEIU Oregon State Council

Re: Please Support House Bill 2787

On behalf of the 60,000 members of SEIU in Oregon, we urge you to support passage of House Bill 2787. Immigrants who dared to dream they could become stronger together as a union founded our national union more than 90 years ago. Today, our dreams are no different. SEIU fights for all workers, no matter where they come from.

This bill is about providing an opportunity for bright, talented and deserving students to pursue their education. Through no fault of their own, they have been treated unfairly by our immigration system and as a result, our education system. We know that the vast majority of the American public agrees that it is time to step up and do the right things for students who are qualified and grant them the ability to attend colleges and universities at the same price as their high school classmates.

We have always known that tuition equity is the right thing to do and, clearly now is the time to take action.

Sincerely,

Matt Swanson
SEIU Oregon State Council