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To: Oregon Senators and Representatives

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Re: HB2787

I am deeply saddened by my fellow Oregonians and elected legislators who have chosen to support HB2787. Some call this bill the “education equity” bill. I call this bill the “***abandon American’s youth and principles education inequity***” bill.

President Ronald Reagan said our “starting point must be the Constitution, because above all, we are a nation of laws...It is amazing to me how so many people pay lip service to the Constitution, yet set out to twist and distort it when it stands in the way of things they think ought to be done or laws they believe out to be passed.

Marco Rubio, the son of recent immigrants, said it even better last night during the State of the Union Response. “We can also help our economy grow if we have a legal immigration system that allows us to attract and assimilate the world’s best and brightest. We need a responsible, permanent solution to the problem of those who are here illegally. ***But first, we must follow through on the broken promises of the past to secure our borders and enforce our laws.***”

Oregon business and government should first work together towards the legal immigration system of which Ronald Reagan and Marco Rubio speaks; one that doesn’t pit one student against another, nor one family against another.

HB2787 does exactly that. HB2787 pits one student against another which breeds inequity and resentment. It honors those who are willing to break our laws for their own personal gain. It encourages our youth to ignore and break laws because in America abiding by the laws is no longer important. In fact breaking the law will bring you prosperity. It tells the legal immigrant who comes to our country for an education and pays dearly for that opportunity that you too are not important.

“Showing intention” to become a citizen is not enough; it is a slap in the face to citizens and lawful permanent residents. To require that a lawful citizen or lawful permanent resident MUST FILE A LAWSUIT with Oregon’s Supreme Court to show they’ve been adversely affected by this bill is unconscionable & shows a total disrespect for our lawful citizens, our lawful residents and our American laws.

**This bill fails to improve illegal immigrant’s opportunities to obtain jobs post higher education graduation as this bill fails to guarantee that the illegal student will actually obtain legal status. If current policy remains in effect students who fail to obtain legal status post-graduation will not**

be able to obtain legal work UNLESS a follow-up bill is passed FORCING business to start hiring illegal immigrants. Think about that.

I have read the bill, am against this bill, and insist that if you care about America's law abiding citizens, if you care about America's rule of law, if you care about the values and foundations of America which make our country great, you will vote against HR2787.

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