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**OREGON ASSOCIATION FOR TALENTED AND GIFTED**

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Chair Hass, Vice-Chair Knopp and Members of the Senate Education Committee:

For the record, my name is Susan Love and I reside in Salem, Oregon. I am the parent of a TAG student who is currently a junior in college. I am the executive secretary for the Oregon Association for Talented and Gifted and I am here today on behalf of OATAG's members.

(OATAG) is a statewide non-profit (501(c)3) membership association founded in 1978. OATAG provides support and information to families, teachers and community members of talented and gifted students in Oregon.

At OATAG's 2012 conference our members voted to support the report, "The Quiet Crisis", that was submitted by the Task Force on the Instruction of Talented and Gifted Children as required by SB 330 (2011).

OATAG is very grateful to the members of the TAG Task Force for the time and effort they have given towards improving the education of gifted students in Oregon.

I am here today to inform you that OATAG's members are in support of the amended version of SB 272.

Thank you for this opportunity to speak before you today.

Susan L. Love  
OATAG Executive Secretary