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Thank you for allowing me to speak,

I respectfully wish to remind you that you are elected to represent the best interests of legal Oregon residents. House bill 2787, the "Tuition Equity" bill is neither equitable to the lawful Oregon resident, especially those who pay taxes, nor is it equitable to out-of-state students attending Oregon public universities.

We are a nation of laws. That is the reason so many immigrants, legal and illegal choose to come to America. Federal Law: Title 8, Chapter 14, Section 1623 states:

"An alien who is not lawfully present in the United States shall not be eligible on the basis of residence within a State for any postsecondary education benefit unless a citizen or national of the United States is eligible for such a benefit."

Should the Oregon legislature ignore the federal law and confer such privileges, then they must also give the same benefit to out-of-state students like me. Failure to do so may result in a class action lawsuit through a Pro bono attorney with either The Heritage Foundation or ACLU. The goal of such action would be compensation to any out-of-state students who are denied the same tuition rate as the Oregon non-resident students. That could become very expensive for the Oregon tax payers you ostensibly represent.

I am a legal U.S. citizen and my parents are U.S. citizens. I am a resident of California who is an undergraduate at Oregon State University. To attend OSU, my tuition is \$22,000 per year. My parents pay so much more to compensate the Oregon tax payer for the use of the brick and mortar, faculty and administrator salaries, pensions and benefits and the upkeep and maintenance of the campus. Illegal immigrants living in Oregon owe the Oregon tax payer the same reimbursement, as they do not contribute the taxes necessary to fund these institutions. A 2012 study released by the Federation for American Immigration Reform titled "The Fiscal Burden of Illegal Aliens on Oregonians" sites the data that 170,000 illegal immigrants in Oregon and their 69,000 children now use over one billion dollars per year of tax payer funded state and local services. Yet, they contribute only 7.7% per year of those costs in state and local tax revenue.

If this legislation is passed, enrollment in Oregon public universities will sky rocket and much of the cost to run those institutions will be shifted to out-of-state students through escalating tuition and fees. That is not tuition equity, that is confiscation and redistribution.

I ask the Oregon voters to see this legislation for exactly what it is: a veiled attempt to create a permanent voting block indebted to one political party for yet another government hand out.

Thank you.