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Tuition Equity

HB 2787

Chair Dembrow, Vice-Chairs Harker and Huffman and other members of the House Higher Education Committee

We are parents and family members of students in Reynolds School District (RSD) writing this letter in support of the Tuition Equity Bill.

We are stay-at-home parents, farm workers, seasonal workers, restaurant workers, among other occupations, and the reality is that many of us barely make enough money to survive. Some of us have a college degree from our home country, some of us never made completed high school. Today, we are glad to be in this country—the land of opportunities. We have invested in this country, sacrificed our lives to come here and know that this country is the right place for our children. We deeply care about the future of this country and it is impossible to deny that children currently struggle to access higher education. We all want the best for our children and are hopeful that our children and ALL the children of RSD and Oregon have an opportunity to succeed. We are parents and family members of students whose lives will be positively impacted should Tuition Equity pass.

We are writing this letter to urge lawmakers to vote in favor of Tuition Equity -- for the sake of our children and this country as a whole. Because we care about the future of this country, we think about ways that allowing students to pay in-state tuition will help the economy. We all pay taxes, we all are already supporting many undocumented students through public education; why not allow them to pay in-state tuition? Our children and the children of many other parents would be an investment in this country and the communities we live in. Our children will be able to get better jobs and would be able to contribute and benefit our economy. We are truly worried that many of our students aren't motivated to even graduate from high school because they know that going to an Oregon university will be too expensive.

Furthermore, because we are low-income families, our children try to graduate high school with scholarships. However, once they think about the out-of-state rate they have to pay, they think twice about pursuing higher education.

In conclusion, we ask that you invest in the future of our students, in the state of Oregon, and, in the entire nation by supporting Tuition Equity.

We anxiously await the verdict of our children's future in higher education.

Standing for our children in Reynolds and all Oregon,

Parent/Community member

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