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To Whom It May Concern:

My name is Tara Galloway, and I am a senior at West Linn High School, where I mentor, tutor, run, volunteer, and learn. I, like many seniors, have worked very hard over the past four years to get where I am today; I will be attending my dream college in the fall. My problem is that I might not be able to go for financial purposes.

As a member of the middle class, I have lived well, but I am in love with an expensive school, and I often feel as though I am gambling my financial future for my dream education. My parents “make” a fair amount of money, so I am not eligible for many of the grants being given, even though we carry a lot of debt, like many middle class families. I am thankful that my college has promised me some money, but even with help, finding enough money to pay for tuition might be impossible.

Therefore, I am asking you to support Senate Bill 11, which provides education funding for students in need. I will not personally receive the money from this grant, but if this bill is signed into law, more people will be secure enough to go to college, and investing in students like myself is an investment in human capital. I am a factor of production for the future of Oregon and the nation. By approving SB11, you are investing in the dreams and worth of my generation—the generation that is going to take care of Oregon’s future. We are the workforce and the consumers of the next five decades, and we deserve your support, to ensure a better tomorrow, today.

Thank you for your time,

Tara Galloway