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Good afternoon Mr. Chair, members of the Committee, I'm Betty Reynolds, Vice President for Legislation, Oregon PTA. I also serve on the Board of the Oregon School Boards Association, and had the pleasure of serving on two of the Oregon Education Investment Boards Advisory Committees.

One thing that strikes me is the absolute commitment of the OEIB, education partners such as Oregon Education Association, OSBA, Confederation of School Administrators, leaders like you, educators and parents, to kids. We ALL want the same thing: for ALL students to achieve at their highest potential.

Oregon PTA knows that the research is clear. Engaged parents – parents partnering with our wonderful educators – are essential to helping kids achieve. As the largest parent organization in the state, Oregon PTA would like to have a voice in the education policy discussions through a seat on the Oregon Education Investment Board.

We're also hopeful that other important voices, like school boards and educators, are heard; and that Oregon's education policy focus is on research based strategies to deliver high quality education for all students.

Thank you again to you, the OEIB, and all education partners for your commitment to Oregon's kids.