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The Honorable Mark Hass
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Dear Senator Hass,

My name is Lynetta Weswig and I reside at 1000 SW Hillcroft Ave in Portland, Oregon. I am the mother of two adult dyslexic children who were educated in the Beaverton school district. For the past twenty plus years I have worked with dyslexic students as an Academic Language Therapist in private practice.

I am writing in support of the Senate Bill 612. This bill requires school districts to screen students for risk factors for dyslexia and to ensure specified staff members receive training related to dyslexia. It directs the Department of Education to designate dyslexia specialists. It also requires teacher education institutions and teacher education programs to provide courses on dyslexia. As many as 1 in 5 students have dyslexia, and yet Oregon's universities do not provide teacher training on how to effectively teach these bright, eager and capable students. I request that you use your considerable influence in support of this Bill. Many of us are generating support at the local level. Best wishes for success—for us all.

Thank you for your time and support for Senate Bill 612.

Sincerely,

Lynetta Weswig