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Dear Senator Roblan and Education Committee Members,

I am writing to urge you to support Senate bill 612 so that every child can reach their potential.

My daughter Peyton is 10 years old and just completed 5th grade. She was diagnosed with a learning disability in 4th grade after years of frustration. She qualifies with a math disability. In reality, she has a mild form of dyslexia. Dyslexia isn't recognized by Beaverton School District. So, her teachers aren't educated in how she learns or what modifications she needs to have a level playing field. Everything I have learned about dyslexia has been on my own outside of school. We have a tutor that has been phenomenal and has helped us navigate this road—that we pay for out of our own pocket. The resource teachers at school do not understand her particular difficulties, so she gets the same help as someone who has a completely different learning disability.

I just want the teachers to be trained in exactly what helps dyslexic kids. So my daughter can thrive. I don't want her education to be watered down, I want her to have a level playing. She is smart and capable. But she is beginning to doubt herself because school is such a struggle and no one besides her tutor and her parents understand how she learns.

Sincerely,

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