

Chairs and members of the Senate Workforce and House Business and Labor Committees,

My name is David Fahey. I live in Gresham, OR and I would like you to take into consideration my reasons for asking you to support SB 610/ HB 2009.

I was employed by First Student as a school bus driver. I was very excited about this job. What they told us was how important it was to be the first person in the morning and the last person in the afternoon to transport this valuable cargo, our school children, so that they are SAFE. However, I was unable to continue with this job that I was excited to have because it was hard to support myself and my wife on \$11.25 per hour. It was a sad day for me when I had to leave this job to pursue better pay elsewhere.

Had I been able to have a better wage rate, I think my wife and I would have been better off and I could have stayed with First Student. I would encourage you to support and pass this bill and help people in Oregon have a better standard of living, less stress, and a feeling of accomplishment, knowing that we are better able to take care of our families.

Thank you.

David Fahey
Former Bus Driver for Gresham Barlow First Student