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To: Rep Doherty; aangel@barran.com
Cc: HED Exhibits
Subject: SB 1002

Dear Representative Margaret Doherty,

My name is Teresa Dirkson. I am a dyslexia specialist who just recently moved to Jackson County, in the city of Ashland, Oregon. I reside in district three which includes the city of Medford and Talent school districts.

I am reaching out to you to hear the voice of many families who are unable to get the tutoring help their children need in the schools. Students with dyslexia struggle all day in the classroom trying to master their native language, the English language. I was just recently informed that Southern Oregon does not recognize dyslexia as a term to identify students who cannot read, write or spell. I am also aware of Oregon as being the third worst state in the United States for highest drop outs and lowest academic standing.

I strongly support SB 1002 in hopes that the schools will allow specialized dyslexic tutors to help out the proliferating epidemic of dyslexic students who are left behind in achieving a right to learn.

Please, on behalf of these desperate young students, schedule SB 1002 for a work session.

Sincerely,

Teresa Dirkson
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