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Dear Co-Chairs Hass and Barnhart and Members of the Joint Committee on Tax Reform and Representative Tawna D. Sanchez,

I am writing to urge you to support HB 2830, which raises corporate taxes and provides \$8.5 billion in funding for K-12 education over the next two years. There is no doubt that our public schools need more resources. Large class sizes, low graduation rates, crumbling infrastructure, and one of the shortest school years in the nation are some of the characteristics of Oregon's K-12 public education system. We can - and we must - do better.

Based on current budget projections, unless legislators vote to raise additional revenue, our schools will be implementing significant cuts over the next two years. At my child's school, Sabin School in Portland, these cuts are likely to have a large impact. Additionally, I am a teacher in the North Clackamas School District, where we are likely to face a loss of contact hours with our students, in addition to larger class sizes and reduced programming. These cuts are painful and shameful.

HB 2830 generates enough revenue to avoid these painful cuts over the next two years. However, HB 2830 does not raise revenue enough to fund our schools at the level we know is required to meet Oregon's educational goals, still leaving us unacceptably far from the funding levels that the Quality Education Model indicates are required to operate a system of highly-effective schools in Oregon.

While HB 2830 is a step in the right direction, it does not fully solve the problem of providing adequate resources for our public education system. Please pass HB 2830 and then continue the difficult but vital work required to ensure that we have the resources to fully fund K-12 education and other critical services.

Sincerely,
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