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Good morning Co-chairs Hass and Barnhart, members of the Committee.

My name is Michaela Martin, and I'm currently a junior at Oregon State University, and I'm here with the Oregon Student Association. I'd first like to thank you for having me and for creating the revenue plan that has me here today. I will be entering my Senior year at Oregon State University this fall, and I'll be taking my LSAT this summer in hopes to pursue my J.D. I also have a beautiful 3 year old son named Ezra.

Before becoming a Ford Scholarship recipient I relied on student loans in order to be able to afford my education, and still remain afloat financially. Taking on more than \$30,000 in 3 years. Working full time and making more than minimum wage, I still qualified for many state benefits, including food stamps, insurance for my son, ERDC, and housing assistance. Although I'm thankful for the benefits I receive, I don't want to be dependent on the system. I want to be self-sufficient and the only way for me to achieve this is to earn a degree. Going to school is my best shot in getting a better paying job and to be free of state dependence. I want to pick myself up by the bootstraps.

You will likely hear a lot of numbers today and I apologize for giving you more but I want to share with you the kind of math I have had to do in my time as a student. This year OSU has had to raise tuition 4% which is roughly \$8 per credit. Doesn't sound like much when said that way, but a package of 132 size 3 diapers costs \$24.94. I found I typically needed 4-5 per term which is \$99.76-124.70. \$8 per credit when taking a full load is \$96.

I want to pick myself up by the bootstraps but every time tuition is raised they are shortened a little more. By fully funding higher-education, you would help create a path for students like myself, to have a fighting chance of getting an education and breaking the poverty cycle for working families across the state.

Corporate profits are at a 30 year high in the US, and Oregon has the lowest corporate tax rate in the nation. The bootstraps of these corporations are long enough that they drag behind tripping those who depend on healthcare, K-12, and higher education and without bootstraps of our own we are left unable to pick back up again. HB 2830 is great, but it doesn't do near enough. I ask you today to Expand HB 2830 to fully fund higher education, students can't wait any longer Oregon's future, my future, and my son's future depend on it.