



MEMORANDUM

January 26, 2018

To: Oregon State Legislative Assembly
Senate Education Committee

From: University of Oregon Dreamers Working Group
University of Oregon

RE: In Support of SB 1563

Dear Chair Roblan, Vice-Chair Linthicum, and Members of the Committee,

As faculty, staff, and students who comprise the Dreamers Working Group at the University of Oregon, we write in strong support of Senate Bill 1563. Based on our commitment to educating and empowering all of our students, we are convinced that it is time to remove restrictions that inhibit noncitizen students from receiving financial aid and other educational assistance in colleges and universities in Oregon. This bill would help thousands of Oregon's most promising students complete their higher education degrees and contribute economically and socially to our state. At our own university, this would mean that students have access to financial aid that is essential to completing their degree and to realizing their dreams. Across the state, this bill's passage would open greater educational access for Oregon students, who will use their education and skills to contribute to our state's welfare.

Respectfully yours,



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