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TO: Senate Education Committee
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SUBJECT: SB 1563 – Tuition Equity
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Chair Roblan and Members of the Committee:

My name is Chloe Borchard and I am a second-generation college student attending the University of Oregon. I am a registered voter and an involved and passionate student and member of society from the city of Salinas, California. Without the University of Oregon scholarship afforded to me there is no way that I would be able to attend this out of state university. My best friend here at the University of Oregon was granted the Pathway Oregon scholarship. With two undocumented parents who work long and ridiculous hours at multiple minimum-wage jobs and remain in poverty, there is no way she could have attended the expensive public university, or really any college institution, without the financial assistance. For many individuals like my best friend and me, especially Dreamers, without tuition equity or institution scholarships, a higher education would not be possible. Because of the financial assistance granted to me I am currently working towards my goal of being a special education teacher, gathering tools and knowledge along the way in order to become a well-informed member of society fighting for the betterment of my life, my family's, the community, and society overall.

It is a huge injustice that undocumented individuals in Oregon are placed in possible danger in order to receive benefits under tuition equity. Additionally, the liability public institutions such as the University of Oregon are faced with when affording scholarships or aid to undocumented students may far too often prevent them from affording needed scholarships and aid to undocumented students. This denial is in many ways a denial to a better life and the opportunities that a legal status and college education brings. Denying educational opportunities to undocumented students does no good for anyone.