



Our mission is to ensure that all children, regardless of their background, graduate from high school prepared for, and with access to, college or career training.

February 7, 2018

Dear Chair Roblan and Members of the Senate Education Committee,

On behalf of Stand for Children, I am writing to urge your support of SB 1563, a bill that will continue to help DREAMers and DACA recipients receive tuition equity and scholarships for college in Oregon.

At the federal level and at the state level, we are deeply committed to protecting and supporting our DREAMers and DACA recipients. Their contributions to our society are invaluable, and their futures must not be put on hold.

In 2013, we were part of a coalition that advocated successfully to pass tuition equity. One of our Beat the Odds Scholarship recipients, Edith, testified in support of the tuition equity bill. She is returning – now, five years later – to share her story before your committee and provide an update with where she is now.

Edith's story is a powerful reminder of what happens when we support our students. Despite the many different challenges she faced in her life, she persists and thrives. Now, Edith is a fourth-grade teacher at a dual immersion school in Eugene.

We must keep the momentum up on tuition equity by removing barriers and improving access to, and affordability of, higher education. SB 1563 will help ensure that these young people who have spent most of their lives in the United States, attended our public schools, and pledged allegiance to our flag their whole lives can continue to pursue the same dream we all share – the American dream.

Please vote Yes on SB 1563. Thank you for your time.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "Parasa Chanramy". The signature is stylized with large, overlapping loops.

Parasa Chanramy
Policy & Advocacy Manager