TO: Senate Education Committee

FROM: Tre' Von Robinson

SUBJECT: SB 1563 – Tuition Equity

DATE: February 7th, 2017

Chair Roblan and Members of the Committee:

Hello, my name is Tre' Von Robinson and I am a second-year student at the University of Oregon. I decided to attend this university because I wanted an institution that offered a nice balance between academics and extracurricular activities. I did not have the opportunity to do this since I was focused on my studies and I found that the University of Oregon has so many opportunities to get involved both on and off campus within areas that I am interested in. I am from Long Beach, California which is quite a distance from home and I believe that the University of Oregon definitely has become a second home for me. I do not currently directly benefit from Tuition Equity; however, I do have close friends who do benefit and it is such a great opportunity for them because they are such hardworking students who definitely deserve the chance to attend college and become educated in their respective fields that their interested in pursuing. These students continue to strive in all aspects; not only in the classroom but in organizations both on and off campus and in the surrounding community. The aid that these undocumented Oregonian students will be able to receive will alleviate the many onuses and is something that they deserve. These students go above and beyond to reach the goals that they have set since a young age. This is not something that these students are trying to accomplish for themselves either. It's for their family and community.