

# Oregon Council of Presidents



February 22, 2018

Dear Chair Reardon, Vice-Chairs Whisnant and Alonso Leon, and Members of the House Higher Education and Workforce Committee,

Please accept this letter in support of Senate Bill 1563A.

“Dreamers” today find themselves at risk of losing the opportunity to remain in the U.S. and pursue an education. Senate Bill 1563A retains the requirement for undocumented students to qualify for benefits based on the length of their residency, graduation from an Oregon high school and all other admission requirements that apply to Oregonians. It will remove the requirement that Dreamers provide any federal identification number in order to be eligible for tuition equity.

With passage of this bill, these young people will have the confidence of knowing that they can pursue their dream of higher education. Oregon’s public universities share the belief that students without documentation deserve the opportunity to pursue a higher education in the state that they call home.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Dana Richardson'.

Dana Richardson  
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