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Members of the House Education Committee House of Representatives State of Oregon

Re. Speaking in favor of HB 2318 ("Too Young to Test")

**Dear Committee Members:** 

I am writing to you as a retired teacher with over 25 years of experience in public schools to express my support of HB 2318 and my concerns about testing, sorting and tracking young children.

In my experience, I deeply believe that repeated standardized testing of such young children is not only developmentally inappropriate and a cause of stress and anxiety for the children themselves, but is also damaging to their teachers, who must narrow their curriculum and professional judgment in order to teach to the tests.

Please let teachers teach and young children be free of these incessant tests.

Sincerely,

Diana Huntington