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Dear Chair Doherty, Vice Chair Teresa Leon, Vice Chair Helt, and members of the House Committee on Education,

We, Latino Network, write you to express our support for HB 2023 – Inclusive Educational Instructional Materials. We believe that HB 2023 will create a more welcoming and inclusive learning environment for historically underserved students in every school across the state. Moreover, by passing this bill, Oregon can inspire a statewide education system that is conducive to academic success for all of its students.

Latino Network's mission is to positively transform the lives of Latino youth, families, and communities. Our organization values and prioritizes education. We consider education a vital element of a thriving community. In 2017, we supported HB 2845 to adopt Ethnic Studies standards for Oregon's schools. In this challenging climate, our communities are facing heightened levels of discrimination and racial intolerance. Improving knowledge of different racial and cultural groups will create better learning environments for all children.

HB 2023 is an important next step. This bill will ensure textbook and instructional materials represent the full diversity of our communities. It will also provide professional development opportunities for teachers and administrators that are grounded in diversity and equity. If passed, HB 2023 has the potential to affirm every student's story, and ultimately increase our state's graduate rate.

We ask that you vote to in support HB 2023 – Inclusive Educational Instructional Materials.

Sincerely,

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