

To Whom it May Concern,

My husband and I have both been educators in Oregon for the past 12 years. We have been dismayed by the salary that seems to be the norm in Oregon though we have felt fortunate for our comprehensive health benefits. We have historically opted out of one insurance and our district contributes to our HSA. This has worked to our advantage and has assuaged the low pay we experience as Oregon teachers. Honestly, at this point, we would discourage our own children from entering our beloved field because it does not offer a living wage. After 30 years of teaching and Masters degrees, we make less than our friends' kids who are starting as first year nurses. Please do not take away our insurance benefits. This would feel like a punch in the gut at this stage of the game.

Thank you for your thoughtful consideration. We hope you right this wrong.

Sincerely

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