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Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee,

I am the VP/GM of CPP-Selmet, a manufacturer of aircraft engine components in Albany, OR. We employ 815 people to manufacture titanium castings for the aerospace industry. We intend to add 100 additional employees in 2019.

LBCC is valuable to our business and the region. We need people with education and training beyond high school. LBCC provides programs that are very specific to our workforce skills need. The NDT (non-destructive testing) and welding programs provided specific training required by our business.

If we truly want to continue our states economic growth, and provide all Oregonians a pathway to success, we must fully fund our community colleges and stop placing an ever-growing share of the financial burden onto students.

I urge you make funding Oregon's community colleges and the people they serve, a top priority, and support the Higher Education Coordinating Commission recommendation of a \$647M base budget.

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