



Building healthier communities together

March 22, 2019

Dear Members of the Ways and Means Committee:

Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital is in full support of Linn Benton Community College and Oregon's Community Colleges. I am the Chief Executive Officer of Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital and we employ close to 800 employees in Linn County and surrounding areas.

Linn Benton Community College is valuable to our business and the region. Thanks to Linn Benton Community College's commitment to the healthcare career paths, we have been able to secure associate degree trained nurses and rad techs, to name just a few.

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 to 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.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Marty Cahill".

Marty Cahill
CEO, Samaritan Lebanon Community Hospital