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Good morning, Chairmen and Members of the Joint Ways and Means Committee;

Thank you for your time. I write to express my support for the Domestic Violence Clinical Legal Education Fund. During my time as a law student at the University of Oregon School of Law I was able to participate in the Domestic Violence Clinic. This experience was imperative for my education in understanding the cycle of violence and the value of working with and representing survivors.

As a family law attorney, I interact frequently with both survivors and perpetrators of domestic violence. Were it not for the education I received through the Domestic Violence Clinic during law school, I would have no formal training in recognizing the signs of domestic violence and being an informed empathizer with my survivor clients. During my time in the clinic, I was able to meet with clients and conduct consultations and hearing preparation meetings with them; experience that helped launch my career and make me a competitive candidate for an associate position.

I know that I am a stronger advocate for my clients because of the education I received from the incredibly dedicated staff at the U of O Domestic Violence Clinic. It goes without saying that our country struggles to keep money set aside for education. Please do not let Oregon fall to the same stereotypes; let us be a proud state that continues to show where our values lie - in the education of advocates for the underprivileged and marginalized.

Please let me know if you have any questions or require any additional information.

Thank you.

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