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Dear Legislators,

The time has come to invest in our public schools! As an educator, parent, and community member, I urge you to support House Bill 2019. Students deserve well-funded schools with expert teachers, mental health services, and inclusive curricula. For our most vulnerable students, schools are a haven that provide safety, security, and stability. Let's create the schools these children deserve.

Teachers have been asked to do more with less for too long. We have seen cuts to special education, the arts, programs for English Language Learners, and wrap around services. I have taught classes with 44 students in them. I have been asked to do without curricular resources, had Instructional Aides eliminated, and been furloughed due to budget reductions. Our students have no librarians and no art classes. Is this the kind of education you envision for your children? Now is the time to invest in our schools. Oregonians want to fully fund public education and so should you.

Sincerely,

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