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Dear Joint Committee on Student success,

My husband and I both grew up in Oregon and attended public schools. We are both college graduates and feel we received a great well rounded education in Oregon but things have changed.

We have watched the decline in our schools with our children currently in 8th, 6th and 3rd grade and soon to be kindergartener.

Programs have been cut. Classes are extremely overcrowded. Lunch time and recess are only but a few minutes, never truly allowing children a break. The focus on testing, testing and more testing has had such a negative impact on our schools. Oregon has one of the lowest number of school days per year, poor test results and too many underpaid teachers. Behavioral problems are also on the rise with teachers expected to take on those issues as well.

For the future of our children and our state we must do better!! Please approve this much needed funding.

Thank you,  
Cassandra Williams

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