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To the Joint Committee on Student Success;

I am writing to urge you to pass House Bill 2019, because better funding of education in Oregon impacts Oregon students. As a teacher and parent, I am greatly concerned with increased class sizes and discussion of cuts to staffing and programs during a time of economic stability. In our district, kindergarten class sizes are in the 30s. Special education is reduced every year, which directly harms students with diagnosed and undiagnosed special education needs. And my partner, who also teaches, recently reminded me: smaller class sizes do not mean less work for teachers, but instead, they mean increased productivity and learning for the students who are then given the time, the instruction, the help, and the space that they need to learn.

Investment in public education is investment in the future of our state and our democracy. Funding public education is the only right answer.

Thank you,

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