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To Whom It May Concern -

I am writing in support of HB 2019. I am a math teacher in the Beaverton School District. This is my 15th year. I am not a legislator and I never plan to be one, so let me start by thanking all of you reading this for your service to our state, its residents, and its students. In my 15 years teaching, I have seen Oregon struggle to fund education. It seems like every year, we have to push to get a spending package that adequately funds all of the programs we have in place. We need a source of funding that is consistent and grows with the times. It seems like HB 2019 is attempting to accomplish this goal.

I have been a teacher for long enough have seen major budget cuts. The last time we had major budget cuts, I had the pleasure of getting to teach 7th grade PE/health (I am a trained math teacher). We didn't have enough money to have 3 PE/health teachers, so they took away my elective classes and gave me PE. We managed. That is what teachers do. We make things work, but these things aren't what is best for our students. Our students should be learning from experts. Our students should be learning in classes where a teacher has enough time to support all of their students.

I heard from our union representative the other day that we need to be making a bigger stink. She said that state legislators haven't been hearing from enough teachers. They don't realize that funding is a problem. I think we are all so busy trying to make things work that we don't always take the time to have our voices heard. So, here I am making my voice heard.

Please fund education. Please find a way to support our students and programs and keep class sizes down. Please find a funding model that doesn't make us go through this process EVERY year. There is a better way.

Thank you,
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