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Please pass this bill to vote to fully fund Oregon schools the way that students and families deserve. I've taught high school in Oregon for the past 20 years and while students provide the inspiration for teachers to continue to work on their behalf, we as a state need to demonstrate to the students that they are an investment by fully funding their schools. Every year for the past 20, I have watched the brutal consequences of program cuts, inadequate resources, and large classes on young people.

We are also seeing a larger number of more severe social, emotional, and behavior disorders in our classrooms. At the same time that schools have attempted to address these increasingly complex challenges, programs, personnel, and resources have been reduced or eliminated.

Personally, I have had high school classes as large as 47 in the past ten years.

It is not at all uncommon for students to answer phones in offices and classrooms across Oregon. This is simply due to the fact that there are not enough staff at any level.

I currently vacuum and clean my own (portable) classroom - not because it doesn't happen otherwise - but because I see how few custodial and support staff are left and I try to make their day a little easier.

Each of those 20 years I have spent about \$500 - sometimes more - of my own money for activities and materials that better engage students. That's \$10,000 of my own money so students will be more successful.

I've taught in windowless music rooms, basements, hallways and on fields.

Please make the right choice. The correct moral and equitable choice, by fully funding Oregon's future citizens.

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