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Dear Joint Committee on Student Success:

I am a special education teacher in a specialized program, working with students with high functioning autism and communication disorders, at Cooper Mountain Elementary School in the Beaverton School District. I have been employed with the school district since 2013, and delivering effective education, and social emotional learning in a safe and nurturing environment is my priority. Every few years we revisit the same difficulties and challenges with funding. It is time to set priorities for the present and the future of our growing state.

Excellent education is a large investment of time and money, and stable high-level funding is absolutely necessary to provide the many supports that our diverse community requires. **Please enact your investment package** to allow our children the human and material resources that they need each and every day. We owe an equitable and bright future for our students.

Thank you for your consideration and time,

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