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Hello,

My name is Katie Lukins. I am a resident of Beaverton. My fiance owns a small business in Beaverton. I am also a 5th grade teacher in the Beaverton School District. We are invested in our community and have a strong desire to see it succeed. It is due to this that I am writing to you in support of HB 2019, Student Success Act.

I grew up in Oregon public schools and in my entire life as both a student and teacher I have never experienced a fully funded education system. I know that the current system we have is not setting up our students and communities for success. Oregon students cannot wait any longer for a fully funded education system.

One of the largest predictors of student success is class size. With smaller class sizes as a teacher I am able to develop better and stronger relationships with my students. This allows me to better know my students. With smaller class sizes I am able to differentiate to meet all students needs on a daily basis.

As teachers we are fighting for the schools students deserve. You can't put students, and our future, first when we are putting teachers and education last. Our working environment as teachers is our students' learning environment.

Please vote yes and support HB 2019. The students of Oregon cannot wait anymore. Thank you for your time and support.

Katie Lukins