

Please include these comments in the official record for HB 3427.

Dear Senator Mark Hass, Representative Sheri Schouten, and Congresswoman Suzanne Bonamichi,

My name is Sydney Montelongo and I am a freshman student at Mountainside High School in Beaverton School District. Mountainside is still a very new school- we only opened our doors in 2017. Despite this, something all of us pride ourselves on is how hard we've worked to build a lasting positive culture here. When I started high school I felt like I had endless opportunities waiting for me. In school, I am confident that I have a promising future.

Recent potential budget cuts have had me in doubt. Because Mountainside is new, a large percentage of our teachers are new to district and are at risk of being laid off this year. Teachers that have moved their families to build our community are now at risk.

HB 3427 will take action on a long standing issue. It will systemically fund our schools instead of leaving it too the ebb and flow of an unpredictable economy. It will provide stability instead of putting on a band aid. HB 3427 is an investment in the students that hold our future.

I don't envy the position you have or the difficult decisions you have to make. I beg of you to consider the future and the positive impact that HB 3427 will have on my future.

Thank you for your time,

Sydney Montelongo