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Please include the comments below in the official record for HB 3427

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To the Joint Committee on Student Success, Rep. Schouten, and Sen. Hass:

Thank you for all of the work you have done to elevate the conversation and work about sustainable funding for our public k-12 system. I have been in contact with my representative and senator over the last few years about the need for a long term investment in public education that will empower our students, families and educators to generate the best possible outcomes for Oregonians. I have written letters, met with my representative, and attending listening sessions with my children. As an educator, parent, and community member I urge you to continue to be leaders and to stand with students to make this $2 billion fund a reality.

We cannot accept the status quo that has marginalized so many students and families and left educators scrambling with huge class sizes and limited resources. Our communities deserve legislation that puts revenue reform into action in order to have public education that meets the academic, social and emotional needs of our students and families. This proposed $2 billion sustainable fund would make such an incredible difference in the work I do as an educator and in the outcomes for my own children who attend Beaverton public schools. The current funding structure is so unstable and perpetuates the opportunity gap for our students of color and our students navigating poverty. We can and must do better, and we need you to stand with our communities during this critical time. We need to carry this proposal over the finish line and make it a reality.

Please continue to do the essential work we elected you to do, which is to improve the quality

of life for **all** Oregonians; this investment would do just that by transforming public education in Oregon from a struggling system to one in which students and families and educators thrive and succeed at the highest levels.

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