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Dear Senators Hass and Baertschiger, Representatives Wilson and Nathanson, and Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures-

I am writing to ask for your active support of the bill to protect, improve, and grow the Oregon IDA Initiative (SB 790). This bill is now in the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures. **We need it to move out, either on its own or as part of the omnibus tax credits bill.**

Many of us down here in Southern Oregon rely on the Oregon IDA Initiative to build better futures for ourselves but most importantly for our kids who might not otherwise be thinking of college as a part of their future. The IDA Initiative is one of the few tools available to us that allows us to magnify our impact so significantly that without it I would not have been able to afford going back to school myself so that I could get a better paying job to support my family. The IDA initiative is in demand within our communities yet not available for so many Oregonians that need it, which is why expanding this program would be beneficial for Oregon as a whole and especially for our low-income families like myself that need amazing programs like this to build a more secure financial future.

We ask you to do everything that you possibly can to see that the IDA Initiative continues to build hope and strengthen our communities here in the beautiful state of Oregon. We sincerely need your help to preserve, modernize, and grow such a meaningful program. Anything you can do to voice your support with the Joint Committee on Tax Expenditures is beyond appreciated and will help so many people and communities in need, not to mention our future generations that will, in turn, create a better future for Oregon.

Thank you for your consideration and thank you as well for your service to Oregon – we appreciate your hard work and the sacrifices you make to represent us and it will not go unnoticed.

Sincerely,

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