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Members of the Education Subcommittee of Ways & Means:

My name is Doug Fisher. I am a proud alumni from OSU '85 school of Engineering. I worked in Oregon at Intel for 24 years where I retired as the head of WW Software reporting to the CEO and President. I am now the COO for DCG Lenovo. My education at OSU was instrumental in my success in the high-tech industry.

I am writing you today to ensure your continued support for the Engineering Technology Sustaining Fund (ETSF), as those funds provide critical support not only to OSU's College of Engineering but also to other educational institutions in Oregon.

The most important aspect of OSU's College of Engineering provides a very engaging environment for engineering students of all backgrounds to pursue their passion. All of the faculty and staff share a personal commitment to each student's success, and the student community is very supportive and inclusive. I believe OSU is a role model across the national in diversity and inclusion. There are a variety of resources and opportunities for student support both academically and beyond the classroom. It is very clear how much the College of Engineering cares about its students, making sure that there are no barriers for any student who wants to become an engineer.

I have several friends in Lake Oswego who have come to me about attending OSU for engineering. I am their biggest advocate. In most cases, their children underrepresented students in engineering including but not limited to women, racial and ethnic minorities, first-generation and low-income students, and more. They have all chosen to attend OSU because of the desire to give every student this chance to follow their dreams.

On a personal note, my son, who we adopted is an URM, so yes, this is important to me that every young person receives and opportunity and you can help ensure this happens.

High-tech will be the cornerstone of our world for as long as I will be alive. I cannot imagine the state of Oregon not wanting to drive to be a leader in this area and put the necessary funds to make sure this happens. There are a large number of high-tech companies already in Oregon or coming this way (Google, Amazon, Intel, Oracle, Ampere, etc). And, every company in Oregon needs High-tech talent such as Nike, Adidas, Columbia, etc.

I would like to urge you to continue your support for the Engineering Technology Sustaining Fund (ESTF) for the sake of young minds wanting to do great things and for the stability of our wonderful state of Oregon.

Thank you for your attention and consideration.

Best Regards,

Doug