Dear Representative Doherty and other members of House Committee on Education:

My name is Laurie Powell and I'm a clinician and researcher serving children and adults with traumatic brain injury at Community Rehabilitation Services of Oregon, Eugene, and the Center on Brain Injury Research and Training, University of Oregon.

In my clinical work, I have served youth who have not received the accommodations they need to address the symptoms of concussion in the early stages. This can lead to long-term negative academic and psych-social outcomes.

I support this Bill 4140 because it begins to systematize the process of ensuring students get the early accommodations they need, thereby minimizing the risk of negative outcomes.

I very much appreciate your consideration.

Sincerely,

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