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

My name is Melissa McCart. I am the director of the Oregon TBI Teams. It is my job to advocate for children with TBI, train educators to work effectively with these children and to support parents of children who experience brain injury. Additionally, I participate in research on TBI and am a member of multiple national level groups working in the area of TBI through the Center on Brain Injury Research and Training at the University of Oregon in Eugene.

I support Bill 4140 because it improves the opportunity for students who have sustained a concussion/TBI to get the immediate assistance they so desperately need. The provisions in this Bill would help reduce the odds of the students experiencing long term negative outcomes associated with brain injury. I have worked with many students who have experienced brain injuries and wholeheartedly believe that the proposed Bill would greatly improve the school experience for Oregon's students with brain injury.

Thank you very much for your consideration of this Bill.

Sincerely,

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