

Date: January 31, 2020

To: Honorable Representative Doherty & Education Committee members
Title: Chair, House Committee on Education Oregon State Legislature

RE: Support for House Bill 4140

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

My name is Ronda Sneva and I am the mother of Jenna Sneva for which Jenna's Law (SB 721) was named.

To make a very long story short, I witnessed my daughter graduate from Sisters High School in 2009 when she should have flunked out. But because she was a valued athlete, and because she was well liked by her coaches, counselors and teachers, she graduated. Jenna didn't graduate because she earned it, but because adults covered for her and made her failures disappear.

After diagnosed with Traumatic Brain Injury (TBI), Jenna continued on to college and attended Oregon State University, expressly against her doctor's wishes. With much determination, Jenna graduated with her class. But we all know this was due in part because she was afforded accommodation in her 504 Plan. I cannot imagine the amount of pain, frustration, stress, and dishonesty we all could have avoided had Jenna had the assistance of the accommodations she needed in high school. There are children right now that are suffering the same. We can help them.

Thank you for your consideration.

Sincerely,
Ronda Sneva

Sent from my iPhone