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Oregon Joint Committee on Ways and Means
State Budget Congressional District 1

To Whom it May Concern:

We are asking Oregon legislators to fund LETRS training for the TSI/CSI schools throughout the state.

This is important as this type of training will give teachers the opportunity to reach 15% of the population that fall under the category of dyslexia. Even more so though this training will help teachers reach 45% of learners that need direct, explicit, systematic instruction to learn to read.

I believe education is about empowering people. Having this training for teachers empowers them with a scientifically proven method to educate our youth. This makes the classroom experience even better for students as more will be able to participate and this brings the collective to an even higher level.

When we provide teachers with proven training methods, their passion for educating is only amplified and this will benefit Oregon for generations to come.

I am happy to talk about this more in-depth and share my personal experience in the Oregon education system if that would be helpful to any decision makers on this request.

Thank you so much for your time.

Sincerely,

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