

Chair Lew Frederick, Chair Susan McLain

Members of the Joint Interim on Ways & Means Subcommittee on Education

Chair Frederick, Chair McLain, and members of the Committee:

My name is Maria Villalba with Healthy Families of Douglas, Klamath & Lake Counties and I am writing you today to ask the Oregon Legislature to maintain full funding for Healthy Families Oregon. I am a Family Support Specialist in Klamath County. We serve 50 families every year by providing evidence-based curriculum and activities needed by vulnerable young families as well as providing essential supports during COVID-19. This program is critical to the well-being of our families, especially during this past year. Families are and feel isolated and have fewer resources due to loss of jobs or cutbacks. Living in a rural area, with limited resources, can be challenging in itself but when you add to this challenge, it can be devastating.

Thank you,

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