

Hello to the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Em Chan and I go to the U of O. I am a current Oregon Opportunity Grant recipient

If I hadn't gotten this grant and others, I would have had little to almost no probability or opportunity to attend higher education. I would not have been able to learn anything that has put me on the path toward my post-graduation plans otherwise. I don't worry about my cost of attendance because of this and other funding I was able to apply for.

I've been fortunate to have had jobs throughout my entire time at uni, so it's been stressful but still kind of manageable - barely, at time, but I've gotten by because financial aid has allowed me to fill the gaps through working. I've definitely felt more pressure to finish on time, so I've spent almost every term until now having extremely heavy course loads, despite advisors saying I should not take so many classes, but it was the only way if I wanted to double major and minor. I would say I've sacrificed a lot of my health and social life in order to keep up.

Please recognize how vital it is that students can finish school. We need to invest \$290 M into the Oregon Opportunity Grant.

Thank you,

Em Chan