

Hello to the Ways and Means Committee,

My name is Nathaniel Leof, and I am the Chief of Staff of the Associated Students of the University of Oregon (ASUO). I am pursuing a major in Political Science, with a career trajectory in public policy.

The cost of education has luckily not impacted me as much as others because I was lucky enough to receive a full-ride scholarship. However, I know that if I had not received this aid and I had to pay for school at the normal cost, it would have completely hindered my ability to pursue school activities and passions that make attending college a rewarding and interesting experience.

Therefore, it should be of the highest importance to the Oregon legislature, to ensure that all students in Oregon can have an opportunity like the one I was given. I urge the Ways and Means Committee Members to please support financial aid investments that will better the circumstances and experiences of postsecondary students.

Thank you for your consideration,

Nathaniel Leof.