

Dear Rep. Rayfield, Sen. Steiner Hayward, and Sen. Johnson and members of the ways and means committee,

I come from a very low-income, poverty level family. My family is not able to do much for me and I have had to figure out how I am going to pay for school all on my own. The Oregon Opportunity Grant and others like it has helped me pay for school and continue to follow my goals.

The cost of living impacts my ability to succeed in school in a very difficult way. Especially in times of the pandemic, paying for school is a great feat and I have been struggling, but have been able to come out on top.

The cost of attendance impacts my education greatly. I go from year to year worried about whether I am going to be able to pay for all of my tuition, but with the help of scholarships and grants, attending school is a possibility.

Sincerely,

Keyshawn Jackson