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On Behalf Of:  
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I am writing in opposition to SB1521 and related amendments. I have been an Oregonian for now more than 50 years. I am a 54 year old professional who loves Oregon but am beyond concerned with the direction of our government to the point my wife and I are seriously considering relocation to another state. The idea of adopting a bill that limits a local school board's ability to terminate the employment of a superintendent without cause is unnecessary, inappropriate and appears highly partisan. Employment law and case law is well established in Oregon and superintendents should not be afforded any more or any less protections than other employees. Employment for superintendents should be At Will and subject to the terms and conditions of their employment agreements as any other employment relationship. School Boards are held accountable through periodic elections and in executing their responsibilities to their communities. Likewise, superintendents must be held accountable to their school boards. If a superintendent is not performing in a manner acceptable to the school board then the school board should not be restricted in its ability to make a change that it believes is in the best interests of students. Please oppose SB1521.

Thank you

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