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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee On Education

Measure: SB283

Dear Oregon Congress Members-

I am writing in support of Oregon substitutes, Oregon education, Oregon children, and SB 283. The current condition of the education system in Oregon is dismal. As a substitute teacher with significant life and professional experience I have been appalled at what I've experienced and seen in every district. I substitute in five rural districts in Clackamas and Marion Counties. Districts which use profit based sub service providers from out of state and those that don't. If you want to know why there is a shortage of substitutes and professional educators in your districts you should look to and ask OSTA and others with an on the ground view, and experiences of the system that Salem has manifested.

There is no continuity, little to no support, no oversight, low pay, little respect and way too much duplication for substitutes to manage only for the benefit of broken systems of bureaucracies and operations that have a negative affect on schools and students. Outsourcing education is the wrong approach in managing our most important and precious asset in our state - our children.

I encourage you to stand up for ethical, moral, and intelligent management of the education system throughout our state. Please talk to independent individuals and find out for yourselves. Districts seem to operate with very narrow and often narcissistic perspectives that only serve a small constituency within administration and community, and often thwart local real human assets. When you think about the future please understand your position can aid all children in Oregon with the proper and informed perspectives of professionals supported by factual data and objective information.

Please support SB 283 and help to empower substitutes in their attempt to make a positive difference in the education of Oregon Children.

Thank you.

Sincerely,,

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