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On Behalf Of:
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I am a Speech-Language Pathologist in Eastern Oregon, and I support this bill. Please help Oregonians access speech and language therapy to help them improve their education, relationships and future employment. As a school-based SLP I help children from 2-21 with speech, language, social and cognitive skills. Large caseloads make it impossible to give the students the life changing therapy they deserve. Large caseloads discourage therapists from entering into the profession and staying in it. Given fewer students and fewer schools, the quality of the therapy would improve, more progress could be made and practitioners could enjoy doing what they love, serving others.