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On Behalf Of: self
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure: HB3014

State Representative Pham and Education Committee Members,

I am writing to express my support for HB 3014, particularly for enacting rule changes to allow for reimbursement of costs incurred by a school district in lieu of providing transportation, including public transit passes, payment for crossing guards or pedestrian or bicycle group leaders. I have a daughter that attends public elementary school in La Grande, Oregon. As a parent in a rural community, this bill is important to me. HB 3014 would allow more local control for school districts around transportation planning.

I wish for my daughter to safely walk or bicycle to school. When she does so, she feels more empowered, is healthier, and she arrives to school ready to learn for the day. However, her safety getting to school is paramount. I am grateful to the school crossing guards when they are present and can assist her safely crossing in front of vehicle traffic. I wish that she could also have a guided group of students to walk or ride a bike with because this is more visible and is a safer practice. HB 3014 would not require my child's school to enact any new transportation programs; but it would enable them to enact and support alternative programs if they choose.

Best Regards,

Chris Evans
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