Submitter: Lily Yao

On Behalf Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Education

Measure: SB421

Dear Chair Dembrow, Vice Chair Weber, and Members of the Senate Education Committee.

My name is Lily Yao. I am a freshman at South Eugene High School and I have lived in Oregon my entire life.

I am writing to express my support for SB 421.

Being a youth and a minority often means a lack of representation. As a young woman of color, I can personally speak to this issue. Now is the time to demonstrate that the diverse youth of Oregon matter—that children of all races and ethnicities, all genders, all places, and all families, are valued, for too often are we overlooked. It is only with the input of youth experiences that our adult leaders and lawmakers can accurately serve the community.

I urge you to support SB 421.

Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Lily Yao

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