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On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Rules
Measure: HCR18

I am writing today in support of the passage of HCR 18. As a teacher at McDaniel HS in NE Portland for 20 years I have seen the impact made by civics education and specifically Classroom Law Project .

McDaniel HS has been participating in the We the People curriculum since 2013 and it has changed the way students interact with the content. Students collaborate as they prepare to answer questions about founding documents and principles as they connect those ideas to current events. For example, just yesterday in class we had students discussing the importance of individual rights and freedoms versus order and security. They applied their knowledge of civil rights and civil liberties to situations like the Boston Marathon bombing of 2013.

I have personally benefited from Classroom Law Project support by participating in the December educator day held in Salem. I was able to listen to other teachers and hear information presented by the Sec. of State's office as well as my state representative and senator.

Please give HCR 18 a yes vote. Thank you for supporting civics education in Oregon.