

Carson Mitchell Testimony for SB 572

Hi i'm carson i am a first year student in the CCS program at portland state university and i am here today on the behalf of the CCS program and today and i want to thank senator Gelser Blouin for sponsoring and Representative Ruiz for co-sponsoring this Bill. I am wondering if you would be willing to support the efforts of passing Bill 572

The students who are in this program need your help to expand inclusive post secondary education to community colleges in oregon to first time college students who have intellectual and developmental disabilities
And to give students like me a second chance to succeed in life

This is my very first time doing something like this. when i was asked to be part of this i said yes 100%

Some of the points i will share with you today will give a clearer vision

- Portland state is a school of many generations and many different cultures and backgrounds
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- It's a school that i call home for the next 4 years and maybe more but my point is this college is a school that all students call home and also call family

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the CCS program is a transition program that staff run to help students get a job as well they also give you the strongest help to achieve your goals and dreams. It is a program for kids like me Who have disabilities and I would love to have you partner with us to get this bill passed.

I have had a lot of no's from a lot of people in my life when it came to college. i had a highschool teacher tell me that i wasn't good enough to get into a 4 year program and that no college would accept me due to my learning disability which really put fear in my way and i fought to get my voice and my thoughts out there. i was being held back by a lot of people family some friends and other relatives

- This Bill is something that would be life changing for us students and staff of CCS and this bill would give us students and staff leverage to expand and upgrade and to add more students

This bill is a huge step towards something that would help students like me and Elijah and so many other students in the CCS program and beyond

The question that I need to ask is would you please help us get this bill passed ?!! this would help also to spread the program for many others.