



April 18, 2023

To: Members of the House Committee on Higher Education

From: Maureen McGee, lobbyist, Concorde Career College

Re: Concorde Career College support of SB 424

Chair Lively, Vice-Chairs McIntire and Ruiz and Members of the Committee,

I write today on behalf of Concorde Career College to express support for SB 424, which prohibits post-secondary institutions of education from refusing to provide transcripts to current or former students because the student owes a debt to the institution.

Concorde Career College is an important component of Oregon's professional health care workforce pipeline. Our Portland campus offers seven different degree or diploma programs, including Dental Assistant, Medical Assistant, Medical Office Administration, Polysomnographic (sleep) Technology, Practical Nursing, Respiratory Therapy and Surgical Technology.

At Concorde, we recently ended the practice of withholding official transcripts, as we recognize that access to transcripts is an important tool for students to access employment and further higher education. Concorde works closely with our students to help them manage their finances and navigate their paths for entering the workforce. Providing transcripts to students and graduates eases their transition into the work world.

SB 424 is a sensible measure to eliminate barriers to accessing transcripts, and we thank you for the opportunity to comment in support.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Maureen McGee".

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