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Higher education, research, and science is impossibly critical to the future of life on Earth. Lack of access to education is one factor driving the despicable inequality seen in Oregon and across the nation. We must allocate more resources to learning, study, understanding the world around us, supporting those in need, and developing the tools required to survive, heal, and build a better tomorrow, free of profit incentives which would warp the priorities of everyone involved and ensure the failure of many important projects. Otherwise, humanity itself may be doomed.

I support all measures allocating resources to community colleges. Community college is especially important for the financially disadvantaged, who may not be able to afford to attend a higher university. Giving our educational system the resources it needs to thrive is an absolute necessity now and for the future.