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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means
Measure: SB5506

Honorable Committee members,

My name is Tanya Navarrete and I am a parent of Four Rivers Community School—a public and mighty charter school in Ontario, Oregon.

Thank you for the opportunity to testify in strong support of key investments to build a stronger Oregon especially by ensuring equitable funding to charter schools with HB 5015; specifically, increasing the state school fund to at least 10.3 billion dollars.

As a parent, fair funding means I can trust my son's education is supported just as much as traditional schools. This is crucial to broadening Desmond's horizons — he is set on becoming an engineer, and with equitable funding, my son's school, FRCS, can continue to implement innovative programs to help students like him achieve academically and pursue their passions.

More than that, fair funding helps charter schools to attract and retain top teaching talent which is imperative especially in our area where schools compete with many school districts and educational institutions.

With equitable funding secured, Charter schools, especially FRCS, will continue to grow and expand. This means more educational options for parents who seek schools that align with the best interest of their son or daughter.

I love the Four Rivers Community School mission, dual-language curriculum, and all the ways they are preparing Desmond in his academic and personal life. I wish many more parent's were able to experience the FRCS experience because it really is an educational environment like no other. I know with your support of fair funding, more access to FRCS will be possible for parents in the future.

Equitable funding in the areas of state school funds, facilities funding and transportation will further the State of Oregon's initiatives of equity for all children in all public schools.

I know with your support of equitable funding, Four Rivers can continue supporting my son's future.

In another direction, I strongly urge support of HB 2410. Since we've lost the pool, I've spent over \$1,000 to access aquatic opportunities for my family to keep them

safe and healthy. Many others don't have these funds or access. It's time for Malheur County's largest city to get their pool back. Please support the return of our pool.

I also strongly oppose SB70. As an Eastern Oregonian and wife of a farmer, I strongly urge every Oregonian to protect ancient agricultural land, rural wildlife environments, water rights, generational farming, and to keep Oregon's rich history of farmers in Malheur County alive.

Thank you for your time.