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On Behalf
Of:

Committee: Senate Committee On Veterans, Emergency Management, Federal
and World Affairs

Measure: SB1577

Chairman Manning, Vice Chair Thatcher, and distinguished members of the
committee,

I am in strong support of SB 1577. I am currently a High School Student at the International School of Beaverton. I go to a school where most students come from well-educated backgrounds but still many would never know how to register to vote without automatic voter registration. While the measure passed years ago to automatically register people to vote has been vastly successful, there is still work to do. Many kids nowadays are not as enthusiastic about getting their license, especially students in low-income communities.

This bill has the chance to once again give these Oregonians the chance to participate in our democratic processes. As a youth organizer and activist who has been fortunate to be able to make my voice heard, I have made it my mission to ensure that every young person's voice is heard. At the end of the day, the decisions made by the leaders of today are the same decisions that will most impact the voters of tomorrow. This bill will not solve the problem of many young people not voting, but it will be a measurable and plausible solution that will drive more young people to vote. I hope you will choose to support the next generation of leaders and vote to pass this bill.

This is why I urge you to vote yes on SB 1577. Thank you for your time.

Best,
Ronan Nauert (he/him)