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Regarding SB 466

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My name is Jesse Shields. I am a parent of 3 former Oregon Summer Star participants who have all worked on Oregon Summer Star staff after aging out of the program. I am writing to express support of Senate Bill 466.

Children of Veterans are an under-served population that are at higher risk for mental health struggles. Oregon Summer Star directly serves children of Veterans by providing a community of peers who understand their unique experience and struggles. Connected kids are resilient kids, and Senate Bill 466 would help provide a vital resource for children of Veterans to promote suicide prevention and resilience.

For these reasons, I advocate that you vote in support of SB 466.

Thank you for taking the time to read this testimony.