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On Behalf Of:  
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To whom it may concern,

I am writing to express my strong support of SB 604. As a mathematics professor at Western Oregon University, I have seen the immense impact Strong Start Programs on our students. These programs provide academic preparation, a sense of belonging, and important cultural capital for first-year and underrepresented students. Students who engage with this programming are better prepared for success, retention, and ultimately degree completion.

Thank you for your time,  
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