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The Strong Start program is essential to improving outcomes at Oregon's public universities, and ensuring that Oregon stays competitive with other states in the realm of higher education.

The Strong Start program isn't just an idea. It is essential to helping students succeed at university in their first year, when it's all too easy for students to become overwhelmed and drop out. By helping students to stick with their educational goals and graduate, this program helps them succeed at their post-university careers, strengthening Oregon's economy and its residents' quality of life.

I encourage you to continue your support of first-year and underrepresented students by establishing and continuing the Strong Start Program.