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On Behalf Of:
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On Education
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Greeting Members of the Joint Subcommittee on Education,

I'm submitting testimony as a concerned community member. NW Regional ESD serves over 100,000 students in 20 school districts across Clatsop, Columbia, Tillamook and Washington Counties. Like many districts, our ESD is facing budget cuts this year and those cuts will have detrimental impacts in our core services across our region. I'm writing to ask you to consider the benefits that Regional Inclusive Services have on families who have high impact students who are not able to receive services in other districts but find it possible to meet the needs of their children through our services. As an agency, we're are advocating for \$24 million more for EI/ECSE and \$50 million more for Regional Inclusive Services.

I would ask you all to please consider this fully funding Early Intervention, Early Childhood Special Education and Regional Inclusive Services (Senate Bill 5515) on March 26th when you meet.

Thank you for consideration,

Inger