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I work as a speech language pathologist in Multnomah County and support providing more funds into education in Oregon. Currently, staffing in special education does not provide sufficient time and resources to teachers/therapists to provide appropriate services to our most impacted students. We need help! Further, I have 2 children who are both attending public schools in the state of Oregon. I love their schools and their teachers, but am concerned about upcoming cuts to staffing. My daughter has ADHD and has had great support this year due to being in a small class. Her grade currently has 3 classes for their grade, but this will be reduced to 2 next year. I'm terrified that she will get lost next year and will not get the attention and support she needs to keep up with grade level work. Please, I urge you, support SB 5516! Consider the people, like me and my family, who it will help. Thank you!