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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means Subcommittee
On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: SB5516

Dear Members of the Joint Ways and Means Subcommittee on Education,

As a PPS parent, I see firsthand the impact of underfunded schools on my child and their classmates. Oregon's students deserve fully staffed schools, mental health resources, and access to programs that enrich their education. Unfortunately, without adequate funding, our schools are struggling to provide these essential supports.

SB 5516 is critical to ensuring that every child in Oregon gets the quality education they need and deserve. Education is one of the best investments we can make—not just for our children, but for the future of our state. Well-funded schools lead to a stronger economy, safer communities, and better opportunities for all Oregonians.

Right now, our teachers are stretched too thin, support staff are lacking, and essential programs are being cut. This is unacceptable. As a parent, I urge you to prioritize education funding and allocate sufficient resources to the State School Fund.

Please don't let another budget cycle pass without addressing this urgent need. Our kids can't wait.

Thank you,
Elora Arding