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I am a 7th grade public school teacher in Portland Public Schools. In recent years, our school (Beaumont Middle School) has moved from being a TSI school to a school where students are seeing strong growth in reading and math because we have had extra support teachers on site. For example, we have a reading interventionist and a phenomenal instructional coach. Next year, our school is likely to lose 4-5 FTE because of budget cuts, which comes after additional cuts made during the previous year. It is critical to fully fund public education so that our students don't slide back. We simply can't do our jobs as teachers without adequate support staff, professional development, and money for materials. Please support this bill.