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On Behalf Of:

Committee: Joint Committee On Ways and Means

Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB5006

Dear Co-Chair Kate Lieber, Co-Chair Tawna Sanchez, and members of the Joint Committee on Ways and Means,

I am submitting testimony in support of two items:

Increase in funding to the PUSF for the next biennium. The total of \$1.275 billion is critical in this environment, to support the current and next generation of leaders in our state. I cannot think of a more important time to support education.

Right along with that is the Oregon Opportunity Grant addition of \$150 million for a total amount of \$450 million. This program has been a game changer since its inception, and we must make sure we continue to invest in it wholeheartedly.

Thank you.

Proud Portland resident, Arlette Slachmuylder