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On Behalf Of:

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Funding

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I'm writing to express serious concern over the recent decision to use Oregon's Common School Fund for cleanup efforts at homeless encampments, particularly around the Sandy River Delta. This fund exists to support public education statewide, and diverting it for unrelated purposes compromises its intended mission.

I recognize the need to address environmental and safety issues tied to encampments. However, allocating money designated for Oregon's students—especially when our schools are grappling with budget shortfalls, overcrowded classrooms, and staffing gaps—is not an appropriate solution.

I also urge your administration to take ownership of the decisions being made at the state level. Continually pointing fingers at former President Trump or the federal government does nothing to resolve Oregon's internal mismanagement. Our challenges demand leadership, accountability, and practical solutions—not deflection.

I respectfully request that you:

- Reevaluate the use of Common School Fund dollars for non-educational purposes
- Ensure future cleanup efforts are funded through appropriate, non-educational channels
- Commit to transparency and accountability in how public funds are allocated

Oregon's students deserve our full investment in their education. I hope you'll act swiftly to safeguard the integrity of school funding and redirect resources accordingly.