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On Behalf Of:

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Honorable Members of the House Committee on Education

Thank you for this opportunity to testify in support of HB 4079. As a speech and language pathologist who worked for over 30 years in the Eugene 4j School District, I know firsthand how important it is for children to learn and be successful in school. Today children have a lot of stressors and certainly do not need any more. While the hope is that schools not have to deal with federal immigration officers coming on a school campus, it is better to be well prepared with everyone knowing what to do. It is important that policies and procedures be in place to assure the maintenance of a safe learning environment that respects the rights and confidentiality of students. Thank your for the work that you do on behalf of the people of Oregon. I urge you to vote in favor of moving this bill out of committee and onto the house floor where, hopefully, it can be passed into law.

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