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On Behalf Of:

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SB1581

Dear Chair Frederick, Vice-Chair Weber and Members of the Senate Committee on Education,

I am writing today to express my strong support of SB 1581. While I do not have children, I grew up in poverty and experienced food insecurity throughout my childhood. I know first hand how it feels to try to focus and learn carrying the stress of food insecurity.

SB 1581 ensures that every student can access breakfast and lunch at school at no cost, regardless of income. This is a critical step in addressing hunger during an affordability crisis and ensuring that children can focus on learning rather than worrying about food.

We know from research and the lived experience of students that education outcomes are positively impacted by food stability. The ability to focus and learn are greatly improved by proper nutrition. I am well aware that Oregon is facing a budget crisis. However, our children should not go hungry due to decisions they have no control over. Our children are our future. Ensuring that they can face a school day without hunger is an investment worth making.

I hope you will join me in supporting SB 1581.

Respectfully,

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