



Governor Kate Brown  
C/o: Nik Blosser  
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Salem, OR 97301

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Dear Governor Brown,

Last week, we learned that the \$3.6 million budget reduction to the Higher Education Coordinating Commission will result in the Oregon Student Assistance Commission revoking Oregon Promise scholarships that had already been awarded to an estimated 1,550 students. This is unacceptable.

With school about to begin, many students and families have already made budgetary decisions based on the knowledge and “promise” that the student had been awarded this scholarship. Furthermore, they’ve done this during the hardest economic times our students and families have seen in decades and with very little certainty for their futures. To take away these funds for our students is unconscionable. We owe it to our students to make this right.

We are calling on the Emergency Board to find the funds to make these students whole and honor our commitment to supporting their educational pursuits. We must find a better place to find these cuts then off the backs of Oregon’s college students.

We look forward to discussing this further with you and developing a plan to make this right and ensure we are protecting the future of our students.

Sincerely,

Senator Lynn Findley  
Senate District 30

Representative Daniel Bonham  
House District 59

Representative Mark Owens  
House District 60

Cc: Emergency Board members  
Juan Baez-Arevalo, HECC