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HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

June 14, 2023

Timothy G. Sekerak
Chief Clerk of the House
State Capitol Building
Salem, OR 97301

RE: Vote Explanation on HB 2802 – (A)

Dear Chief Clerk Sekerak,

Please accept this letter as my official vote explanation on House Bill 2802 – (A).

Earlier this session, we discussed HB 2802 – (A) in the House Committee on Higher Education. At that time, I supported Rep McIntire’s efforts to introduce the -1 amendment which attempted to include small businesses that are for profit in addition to eligible non-profits. This amendment was not adopted, which led me to oppose this legislation.

Today on the House Floor, I voted “no” because I do not believe that taxpayer money should be given to public universities to then use for tuition reduction while paying students to work only in a non profit. This is unfair to small business owners who essentially have their tax dollars competing against them.

Respectfully submitted into the House record.

Sincerely,

Lucetta Elmer
Oregon State Representative
District 24