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On Behalf Of:
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3182

Chair Huson, Vice Chair Fragala and Harbick, and members of the committee,

My name is Dr. Nadia Raza, and I am a faculty member at Lane Community College. I am writing in support of HB 3182 and HB 3183: The Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act, which will make important investments in student basic needs initiatives, affordable student housing initiatives, and textbook affordability.

In my career of 20 years, I have witnessed the essential function of our community colleges expand as an increasing number of students face barriers to basic needs. Today's students, who are our future workforce, face increasing challenges to achieve their goals. Their potential should not be denigrated by their lack of access to basic resources. An investment in basic needs is an investment in our collective community, workforce, and civil society.

I have had students that, with modest support, excel in their academic pursuits and continue on to Law School, Human Services, Education, etc. The brilliance of our students cannot be underestimated.

Please invest in our collective future and the strength of our communities with your support of HB 3182 and HB 3183: The Student Basic Needs and Workforce Stabilization Act. Students cannot wait any longer!

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