

October 16, 2018

Governor Kate Brown,
State Capitol Building
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Dear Governor Brown,

We are writing to support funding the \$788 Million recommended by the HECC for community colleges in the upcoming state budget. We are strong supporters of the community colleges because of their excellent record of training students for both further education and for jobs in Oregon.

We are the founders and principal owners of ViewPlus, a company that develops, manufactures, and distributes hardware and software for blind people. Our products enhance education and professional opportunities for blind people worldwide. We presently employ 16 people in Oregon and expect that number to grow as our business grows. Linn Benton Community College in particular has served needs of our company and employees for years by providing affordable training and educational fundamentals.

We are both supporters of education and believe that all education in Oregon needs more funding, but we also understand political reality that not every segment can get as much as it really needs. We would not wish to see funding for K-12 or higher education reduced, but when the difficult choices are made we hope that the HECC recommendation for community colleges can be funded.

Sincerely,



Carolyn and John Gardner

