

Subject: Please Restore Funding for the Imagination Library of Oregon

Dear Representative _____,

I'm writing to urge you to support the restoration of the \$2.2 million in state funding for **Dolly Parton's Imagination Library of Oregon** in the 2025–27 biennial budget.

This program is a lifeline for early literacy in our state. Every month, more than **67,000 Oregon children** receive free, high-quality, age-appropriate books in the mail – books that spark imagination, fuel learning, and foster a lifelong love of reading.

Locally, I've seen the powerful impact this program has on families. Whether it's a parent sharing a bedtime story with their toddler or a child proudly bringing their new book to preschool, these moments create the foundation for success in school and beyond.

Without this critical state funding, many of these children, particularly those in rural and under-resourced communities may lose access to this opportunity.

Oregon has long demonstrated its commitment to equity, education, and early childhood development. I respectfully ask that you honor that commitment by restoring funding for the Imagination Library and helping us reach even more children across every corner of the state.

Thank you for your time, leadership, and dedication to Oregon's youngest learners.

Sincerely,

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