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Chair Bryant, Vice-Chair Rives, Executive Director Cannon, and Members of the Commission, my name is Juriana Barboza Sagrero and I am a first-generation college student at Oregon State University. I am the oldest of 8 siblings and am working really hard to set a great example for my younger brothers and sisters. I am a freshman pursuing a degree in Biohealth Science with an option of Pre-Med. I hope to someday become a pediatrician. I earned WR121 credits my senior year at Forest Grove High School through the Willamette Promise Program. I knew that there would be some effort on my part to transfer the credits but I did not expect the process to be so difficult. I have struggled to get this credit to transfer as an Assessment Based Learning course that would fulfill WR121 at Oregon State. I started the process of trying to get these credits to transfer over the summer and filled out a petition form that the Willamette Promise staff gave me. Unfortunately, Oregon State did not accept my WR 121 as a general education course. Instead, Oregon State accepted my credit as an elective. I spoke to the Admissions office and my advisor, but I did not receive any help, and will be forced to retake this course again.

As someone paying for college on my own, I tried my hardest to get these credits to transfer because I cannot afford to waste money on a course in which I have already demonstrated proficiency. Without these credits, I am not able to move on in my major because many of my classes moving forward have WR 121 as a prerequisite. The decision by Oregon State to not accept these credits just because they said Assessment Based Learning not only puts a financial burden on me, but has also created a situation where my time and efforts are being wasted, and I feel undervalued as a student. Thank you for taking the time to hear from the students affected by this unfortunate situation and I look forward to hearing your decision on the matter.