Budget Student Testimony Template – Option 2

*Note: Please keep testimonies to under 2 minutes long.*

My name is [NAME], and I am a proud student of [COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAME] in [CITY]. Today, I am here to urge you to increase funding for the Community College Support Fund.

Community colleges like [COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAME] are the affordable option for access to higher education in Oregon. They serve students at all education and skill levels, including educating students with the greatest barriers to attaining post-secondary education and training – students like me. The support and opportunities provided by community colleges like [COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAME] are essential to students' success in achieving their academic and career goals.

[TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR COLLEGE HAS SUPPORTED YOU]

Oregonians rely on community colleges to provide the skills and training necessary to attain jobs in local industries. Community colleges play a crucial role in preparing students for the workforce and meeting the demands of local employers. By investing in the Community College Support Fund, we can ensure that our state's workforce is prepared for the jobs of today and tomorrow.

[TALK ABOUT HOW YOUR COMMUNITY COLLEGE HAS PREPARED YOU FOR A JOB]

In conclusion, I urge you to increase funding for the Community College Support Fund. Doing so will provide critical support to community colleges like [COMMUNITY COLLEGE NAME] and ensure that students like me can access the education and training necessary to achieve our goals and contribute to our communities. Thank you for your time and consideration.