Student Letter to the Editor (budget) – Option 5

Investing in community colleges is one of the smartest moves Oregon can make. According to a recent economic impact study on Oregon’s community colleges, for every public dollar spent, these institutions generate a significant $1.30 in return by preparing students for high-demand jobs and boosting local economies.

But this return on investment is only possible if community colleges are adequately funded. The Community College Support Fund (CCSF) requires $920 million to keep tuition affordable and maintain the programs and services that help students succeed.

Failing to invest now will cost our state much more in the long run — in lost potential and diminished economic growth. Legislators, Oregon’s future depends on fully funding the CCSF because community colleges work for Oregon.

Sincerely,  
[Your Name]  
Student  
[Community College Name]