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**Comments:**

Dear Senator Jill Tokuda, Chair Senate Education Committee and Senator Will Espero, Chair Public Safety, Government Operations and Military Affairs and members of the committees,

My name is Jennifer Ono and I am a 6th grade teacher at Palisades Elementary school. I had the privilege of attending the summer training at the Challenger Center as well as taking my first class of students on two missions.

The Center and all it stands for is one of the single best resources to teachers we have. I taught more hand-on science to the entire 6th grade this year than any year in the past. That is due to the comprehensive curriculum that is aligned so tightly to the standards.

The excitement on the kids faces as they learned new concepts, made concrete connections, and developed communication skills they didn't have before were all priceless.

Each one of my students thanked me individually for taking them to space, infact they really thought they were going into space for a long time.

Please from an educator keep the Challenger Center funded and open for future classes of children to have an experience that they would never get otherwise.

Please from a parent of two young children keep the Challenger Center funded and open so my children can get the experience of a life time when they are in 6th grade.

There is NOTHING else like it anywhere. It motivates the students and keeps them focused on a bigger goal. We had our mission in January and they still talk about their successes today.

Sincerely,

Jennifer Ono