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Editor Valiant Pride Newspaper
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Dear Editor Valiant Pride Newspaper:

This letter is addressing the Oregon house bill 2650. The bill is expelling junk food from Oregon schools. The House voted 46-11 to approve House Bill 2650. It now goes to the Senate, where it is expected to pass. My belief is that this is a good idea but I would like to convey some issues that might come up:

1. A black market of Twinkies, soda, and other junk foods could appear in schools in America. Rep. Kim Thatcher, R-Keizer, voted against the bill because she feared it would create a black market in schools for items such as Twinkies and M&Ms. "I have two teenage daughters, and if you tell them they can't have it, they will want it," Thatcher said.
2. The schools will lose money because they make much of their money off of the machines. The schools are tight enough on money as it is.
3. School boards will refuse to comply with this law.
4. There may be protesting from students about junk food being sold at sports events, but not at school.

These problems should be brought to the House's attention. This could be a major way of solving the obesity crisis; however it could also lead to other problems.

In conclusion, it is my opinion that this bill should be revised and reconsidered by the government.

A concerned student,

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