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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB1552

Dear Committee,

Please support this bill to give equitable access to all students in Oregon who wish to access their education from home via an established virtual charter school. Limiting student access to only the virtual option provided by their school district is not equitable as many of these virtual options were created in response to the pandemic rather than as a well thought out and planned program run by individuals who are passionate about virtual education and have spent years fine tuning a program. The virtual charter schools in Oregon offer a range of options with various levels of support, parent choice, and individualization of education. Allowing parents to choose a program that best fits the needs of their student, no matter which school district they live in, is the best way to support Oregon's students. Thank you for the time you dedicate to supporting our education system.