



OREGONIANS FOR  
LIBERTY IN EDUCATION

## **We support SB 1552**

Thank you Chair, Vice Chair and Committee Members for your service to our community. For the record my name is Diana Fairhurst and I'll be speaking on behalf of my organization, Oregonians for Liberty in Education.

We strongly support SB 1552, as it will increase educational options for students of all backgrounds. It allows students to pursue individualized education options that better fit their needs.

We represent hundreds of families across Oregon and we hear from them the frustration of being limited in choices for the education of their children. I'd like to share one example from a real-life mom in Oregon. Her son was struggling with traditional brick and mortar in-district public school and his attendance was suffering as was his mental health. His mom had heard of options to enroll in an online public charter that would allow him to learn, but at home. With her first application to the charter her son was denied because of the enrollment cap, but then later that year a spot was made available to him. He was able to thrive in learning at home.

Many Oregon families are often frustrated with choice limits for their children's education. This bill simply increases opportunity without removing options for others. It provides a tremendous step forward for education and will improve Oregon's report card. We strongly support educational opportunities for students and we urge you to pass Senate Bill 1552.

Thank you for your time and consideration.