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On Behalf Of:
Committee: Senate Committee On Education
Measure: SB767

I am in opposition to SB 767. I strongly believe in giving parents and children the right to choose educational options which suit their needs, and the flexibility to change their choices whenever necessary. Currently there are multiple charter schools in operation in Oregon, and one of my children benefitted from this by living in Ashland while attending Connections Academy/Scio. I believe that since the pandemic there has been a rise in demand for alternative educational models such as charter schools, and I believe this demand will not diminish, especially given the rise in parents working remotely. It is my belief that school superintendents and administrators are seeing a very real loss of enrollment and funding, and that this bill is tailored to benefit them rather than the actual students and parents that should be the focus of the education committee. I also strongly object to any implication that this is an "emergency", or that the passage of this bill would "preserve public peace, health and safety". Please vote No on SB767.