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On Behalf Of:
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Measure: SB767

I strongly oppose SB 767, because this bill directly impacts our family, our children's education and future. Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School is a wonderful school and community. We are being forced to relocate out of the Gresham-Barlow School District; this is the second time in five years we've uprooted our entire K-8 school, with a geographically disbursed student population. Miraculously, the admin. team and board have found the perfect future home for our school -- a facility we can purchase, and make a permanent home. If passed, SB 767 would not allow us to proceed as the building located is mere minutes from the GBSD boundary. This would likely condemn our beloved school to close, and the impact would be disastrous not only for our own children, ages 7 and 9, and hundreds of other children, families, and educators.

Please vote no on SB 767. Charters are already marginalized and under-resourced enough; let's not add another nonsensical barrier to their successful operation -- especially as it will impact many currently operating, successful schools like Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School.

-Stephen Karmol