

February 1, 2023

Senate Committee on Education

State of Oregon

Salem, Oregon

Re: SB 767

Committee Members,

I am writing to express my opposition to the proposed SB 767 which seeks to limit parental choice in public school options for their children, the result being families forced to either homeschool or send their children to private schools. We need a broader spectrum of public school options to serve our diverse population and needs for education.

There is a massive waiting list for Charter School enrollments. Oregon Democrats are overwhelmingly in favor of public school choice (72% in favor).

The defeat of this proposed legislation will benefit many families who would otherwise not be in a financial position either to homeschool or send their children to private institutions. We need to support all our Oregon families to be able to select from a diverse options of public school formats. Charter Schools need to be independent in creating the kinds of curriculum and environment that meet a broader range of constituent needs.

Sincerely,

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