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On Behalf Of:
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I strongly oppose this bill.

The fact that this bill includes language making it retroactive for a 12-month period is alarming and suggests a vindictive motive.

Don't let what appears to be a specific problem with a charter school in Ashland crush the established charter schools and good systems in other cities throughout our state.

As parents and taxpayers, we deserve to make our own choices about our children's education. Unfortunately, the public education system doesn't meet the needs of all students. This bill will further limit our options by placing additional restrictions on Charter Schools.

My children attend Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School in the Gresham Barlow School District. Our resources are already limited. The district gave an extremely late notice terminating the lease on a school facility we rent from the district. They are displacing over 400 students so they can move their administrative offices.

We have identified and begun negotiations on a new facility for our students which is located 1,000 feet outside of the GBSD. There are no other options available within the district.

Please do not pass this bill and further prohibit what are often dismal education opportunities for Oregonians and future taxpayers (our children).

Please call me with any questions.

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