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I am a parent who's had children at two different Oregon charter schools. On one of those I even served as a board member.

Charter schools often struggle to find spaces appropriate for operating a school as large, unoccupied buildings with many rooms are not easily found. Limiting a charter school's location to physical the physical boundaries of a school district can make it difficult, if not impossible, to operate.

For example, the charter school my child currently attends has been using buildings owned by the school district, but will have to move locations this summer for the second time in three years. This time there is no other buildings the district can offer and so the school is looking for a permanent site. Being able to move outside the exact boundaries of the host district is critical to the relocation plan. The best property option is, in fact, just outside those boundaries. Passage of this bill would put the future of this school at risk due to limited viable locations. I urge you to vote no on SB 767.