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

I would urge the Senate education committee to reconsider this bill or allow some amendments so the approving school district can allow exceptions.

Charter schools allow families more choices within the public school system. Families with limited means should still have options for schools not just their local neighborhood school. Our girls have greatly benefited from the smaller school community available through our charter school. Our girls would most likely go unnoticed in our larger public school. Our local charter school has allowed more regular communication and support with the staff and teachers.

My girls attend City View Charter School (CVCS) sponsored by Hillsboro School District (HSD). It is essential to the community and families to be able to be in one building together. Our board and community have searched diligently for over a decade, trying to locate a space within HSD boundaries that meets the unique requirements of a K-8 school, with zero success. After years of searching, they finally found a site that could be our forever home. A site that would allow CVCS to continue to provide 300+ Oregon students access to a free, high-quality, public-school education that they are all entitled to.

Senate bill 767 would kill City View's future by preventing us from operating in this new location simply because it resides roughly half a mile from the HSD district boundary line. a new, permanent home. The building we are currently working to purchase is located half a mile outside of the Hillsboro School District (HSD) boundary line. According to current charter school law, we are allowed to operate in a facility outside of the HSD boundary with support from HSD.

Please reconsider the wording to allow for some flexibility based on individual school district decisions. This does not need to be a statewide decision.

Thank you for your consideration of this request!