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On Behalf Of: Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

Senate bill 767 proposes to amend ORS 332.158 and may cause unrepairable harm to Lewis and Clark Montessori Charter School. We are forced to relocate due to lease termination by our sponsoring district, GBSD

It would be ideal for us to remain inside GBSD boundaries but given an extremely limited time frame and lack of existing facilities to accommodate 17 classrooms our choices are limited.

The proposed new facility is located less than 1000 ft from the GBSD boundary. We would like to turn an unfortunate situation into a positive impact by moving from a rural location that is inaccessible by public transportation to one that opens access for enrollment to underserved, more diverse populations in Rockwood and the surrounding area while also continuing to serve our current families. Greater access & diversity is a key component of our current Strategic Plan.

Lewis & Clark Montessori Charter School has been in existence for over 14 years. The positive impact our school has had on your children and family.

I ask you to vote no on SB 767 for the sake of our children and so many others served by our wonderful Charter schools that offer the free, high-quality, public Montessori education that they are all entitled to.

Thank you for your contribution  
Arzetta Taylor