

Submitter: Theresa Varnum  
On Behalf Of: City View Charter School  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

Dear Committee,

I am a parent of a child who currently attends City View Charter School in Hillsboro, Oregon. My oldest son, who is now a senior at a local high school, attended City View for 8 years. My youngest son still attends City View. I have been an invested parent at this school for 12 years. I am writing in opposition to this bill, SB 767.

City View is the only charter school in the Hillsboro School District. It is a public, not-for-profit school that was founded by parents in our community. We have been trying to purchase a building to house our family of K-8 students for a decade. We have always survived on the dedication of our teachers, parents, volunteers, and many hours of building our school. I personally have volunteered thousands of hours of my time in the classrooms because I believe in the success of our charter school.

After many years and countless hours of trying to locate a building in which to house our students, our volunteers and staff have finally found an affordable location which would be ideal for our growing school. Unfortunately, the location is just a half-mile outside of the Hillsboro School District boundaries.

This bill, SB 767, would essentially destroy the future of our small, hard-working school. I urge you not to pass this bill as it is written. Our teachers and parent volunteers are deeply invested in the success of our charter school. Please do not throw away our many years and thousands of hours of hard work. We ask you to make some considerations, possibly grandfathering operating schools or exempting non-profit schools. I understand our school and our situation is unique, but I ask you to consider making provisions, as the possible future home of our charter school will be determined simply by its location just a half-mile outside of the district.

Please vote No. Thank you for your time and for your consideration of our school's future.

Sincerely,  
Theresa Varnum