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

Hello.

My name is Jeremy Smith.

I am writing in opposition to SB 767.

My 4 year old daughter Carol attends the Lewis and Clark Montessori School currently in Damascus.

We love our school so much and our daughter is so happy there.

We have been forced at extremely short notice to relocate from Damascus at the end of this school term by our sponsoring district, Gresham Barlow School District.

The proposed new facility that was found is less the 1000 feet away 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 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 and has had a huge and positive impact on our family. Not only is our daughter learning and growing in a caring and nurturing environment, our family has become a part of the Lewis and Clark community.

Thank you for taking the time to read my testimony.

Kind regards.

Jeremy Smith