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Thank you to the committee for the opportunity to provide testimony. I would like to express my strong opposition to SB 767 as a charter school parent, a former charter school board member, and the President of the Oregon Moms Union. This bill, if enacted, would further limit charter schools and virtual charter schools, which are currently the only form of tax-payer funded choice alternatives in Oregon.

In polling done in June of 2022, more than 70% of Oregonians supported school choice, and 60% of democrats showed support for school choice as well. This bill is a direct attack on parents' choice and the right to alternative education options.

In Oregon, we see a clear demand for charter schools, as evidenced by the waiting lists of parents who seek alternatives for their children. Rather than limiting the growth of charter schools, we should be working to empower them to provide quality education alternatives and options for families. Students don't fit into a one size fits all model, and providing alternatives via charter schools is important to provide a more customized fit for students' individual needs. This bill seems to focus on the needs of the school districts instead of what is best for students and families.

In conclusion, I implore you to reconsider SB 767 and instead work to support the growth of charter schools. By offering parents a choice, we can improve the quality of public education as a whole and provide opportunities for families to receive the best education for their children. Thank you.