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On Behalf Of: Oregon taxpayer and grandparent  
Committee: Senate Committee On Education  
Measure: SB767

To the Oregon State Legislature: I am writing in opposition to Senate Bill 767. This bill is a blatant disregard to what many parents feel is best for their children. Oregon public schools are near the bottom in academics in the nation; it's so bad that metrics aren't readily available in many Oregon schools. And now that parents can opt out of testing, any metrics that are available, are even further diluted. It is time to return to education basics and turn away from the failed system of social indoctrination that many of our public schools have become. And if the purpose of this bill is to not have healthy competition or is to retain every tax dollar for public schools and limit freedom of choice, then it is self-serving and deserves to die in committee. The legislature's mantra of, "it's for the children", rings hollow, when this type of stifling legislation is employed.