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As a mother of a current kindergartener (and soon a second student) at City View Charter School, please do not pass this bill as it is written. When I realized that our assigned public school would not be the best fit for us, I spent the entirety of last summer trying to decide the best school for my kids. I was a nervous wreck about sending my daughter to kindergarten, not knowing how she would adjust and if she would just get lost in the shuffle of the public school system, but she's thriving at City View. She loves going to school and learning there. I love the community and the EL curriculum and that they can focus on their own way of learning. If this bill passes, City View will not have a secure location and so many families are at risk of losing the school and community that we love. The kids will have to go through another adjustment period of changing schools and making friends again. The classrooms at the public schools will be more overcrowded and there will be less option for those of us in Hillsboro who want something different for our kids. The location that City View is in process of purchasing is just outside the Hillsboro School District boundary, it's not a virtual or satellite school, it's not from a small rural area trying to take students from the current school district population. It's a small school dedicated to their students and they want to make the best learning environment for them. By securing this new location, they will be able to have both of their campuses together in a single location, they will be able to put a playground in for their kids, and have a cafeteria and gym, some of these things they don't currently have. There is not a single building that is affordable and able to hold all of the K-8 students enrolled at City View and located in the Hillsboro School District. The way that this bill currently is, this dream will be killed for the families of City View and may even destroy the school. Please do not pass this bill, or at least allow some exceptions, such as allowing a 1 mile boundary exception, or a certain percentage of the school be made up by kids of the sponsoring school district. If this passes there will be so many of us disappointed, not just at City View Charter, but at several other charter schools around Oregon. I beg you, please do not pass this bill.