



**Bill:** House Bill 2767

**Position:** Support

**Name:** Charlotte

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Hudson and Wright, and members of the House Committee on Education:

I am writing today in support of House Bill 2767, which will create a long-term, sustainable funding and governance model for recovery high schools in Oregon. Recovery high schools provide a safe, supportive education for youth in recovery from substance use and mental health disorders and **it is critical that Oregon begin investing in these life-saving programs.**

HB 2767 is the product of an interim interagency workgroup commissioned by HB 5202 in 2022 and offers a clear, collaborative path forward to expand, support and govern recovery high schools across the state.

I believe that recovery schools are crucial to youth. These schools offer mental health and substance abuse support. The current world we live in where drugs are being cut with high doses of fentanyl, putting our youth at risk. I have found that at harmony I have been given the peer and adult support I need to stay healthy and stable in school and sobriety. I appreciate the staff here for going out of their way to support myself and my peers. And I am grateful for my peers' support and similar experiences. From my personal experiences I strongly believe that well funded recovery schools are crucial to the success of our youth today.

Oregon ranks last in the nation for substance use treatment and recovery support. This legislation provides a cost-effective and proven way to support adolescents in recovery as they work to gain their high school diploma.

On behalf of Harmony Academy, **I urge your support for House Bill 2767** and ask that you vote **YES** on this critically-needed, thoughtfully-created legislation.

Thank you,

Charlotte Garcia

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read 'Charlotte Garcia', is written below the typed name.