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On Behalf Of:

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I am a parent of an Oregon charter school student, and I am writing today to urge your support for HB 3444. Charter schools are public schools, however our sponsoring district only passes through 80% of the state funding, keeping 20% though they are no longer serving the public school students who attend the charter school.

Many parents appreciate the chance to choose a different option for a public school education. Parents and students whose needs are not being met, or are otherwise unhappy with the school they are zoned for have very few options. Oftentimes the district will not approve transfers to another district school (or even another classroom/teacher), leaving them with considering either private, homeschool, or charter. Having an alternative, free, public-school option for these families who are not being adequately served, for whatever reason, by their home district school is vital.

Public charter school students are public school students, and their education should be funded fairly. Thank you for considering this important issue.