

Submitter: Shawn Henrickson
On Behalf Of:
Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Dear Senator Drazan,

My name is Shawn Henrickson, I am writing to express my strong support for House Bill 3444, which proposes increasing funding for public charter schools from 80% to 95%.

As a small business owner (electrical company), Veteran and Volunteer Firefighter, I deeply value investing in our community's future. My daughter attends Springwater Environmental Sciences School in Oregon City, a charter school that excels in integrating environmental science into its curriculum. Yet, the school struggles with inadequate funding—classrooms often lack proper heating during winter, significantly impacting students' ability to focus and learn.

Despite these challenges, Springwater delivers exceptional education and fosters hands-on learning. Increased funding would address critical infrastructure needs and help students like my daughter thrive. I would be honored to give you a tour of the campus to showcase why Springwater deserves this support. Please let me know if you are available before the bill reaches the floor—it could truly save our school.

Thank you for your time and commitment to our community.

Sincerely,

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