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On Behalf Of:
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I am writing as a parent and Board Member to express my strong support for House Bill 3444. This legislation is crucial for schools like Springwater Environmental Sciences School in Oregon City, where my daughter is a student.

Springwater is a unique public charter school that integrates environmental sciences into its curriculum through hands-on learning, inquiry-based projects, and real-world applications. One of the most remarkable programs at Springwater is the Friday Field Study, where students engage directly with nature to explore science in action. These experiences foster curiosity, environmental stewardship, and a deep love of learning that traditional classroom settings often cannot replicate.

However, maintaining these enriching programs requires adequate funding. HB 3444 would provide critical financial support to ensure Springwater can continue offering its innovative programs, including field studies, hands-on science projects, and other unique learning opportunities.

These experiences not only enhance academic achievement but also build character and leadership skills in our children.

I urge you to support HB 3444 to help schools like Springwater thrive and continue providing these transformative experiences for students. Thank you for your time and dedication to education in Oregon.

Sincerely,

Jessica Henrickson