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I am writing to urge you to support the equitable funding of charter schools alongside traditional public schools. As we continue to prioritize quality education for every student in our state, it is vital that charter schools, such as Coburg Community Charter School, are given the same resources and opportunities to succeed.

Coburg Community Charter School has demonstrated an exceptional commitment to both its students and the surrounding community. This school provides a nurturing environment where students are encouraged to thrive academically, socially, and emotionally. Coburg Community Charter School doesn't just focus on individual success—it builds community. By forging strong relationships between students, teachers, and families, Coburg sets an example of how education can be a powerful force for social good.

However, the reality is that charter schools often face significant funding disparities in comparison to their district-run counterparts. These funding gaps can limit resources available for teaching, extracurricular programs, and student support services, hindering their ability to fully meet the needs of the students they serve. At Coburg Community Charter School, like many other charter schools, funding is critical to continue offering innovative programs that are vital to their students' success.

Equal funding is not only a matter of fairness, but also of investing in the future of our state. Every student deserves access to high-quality educational opportunities, whether they attend a traditional public school or a charter school. By supporting equal funding for charter schools, we ensure that all students, regardless of the school they attend, have the resources they need to succeed and contribute to the community.

I encourage you to stand up for equal funding for charter schools and support policies that foster educational equity across all public schools. Together, we can ensure that every student has the opportunity to receive the best possible education, and schools like Coburg Community Charter School can continue to make a meaningful difference in their communities.

Thank you for your attention to this important matter, and for your continued commitment to improving education in our state. I look forward to your support.

Sincerely,  
Katelyn Gress