Submitter: On Behalf Of: Committee: Measure, Appointment or Topic: Julia Damon Green Portland Village School House Committee On Education HB3444

House Committee On Education Oregon State Senate 900 Court St. NE Salem, Oregon 97301

Dear Chair Neron, Vice-Chairs Dobson and McIntire, and members of the Committee:

My child attends Portland Village School and I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444 will help Oregon public charter school students access educational funding that is more equal to their district student peers.

When compared with all of Oregon's schools, students who attend Portland Village School have a higher than average graduation rate, despite having less funding. Portland Village School offers a Waldorf based, wholistic curriculum that provides a hands-on and creative method of meeting statewide and national academic benchmarks. Students there love their school community and activities which makes it very effective in instilling a lifelong passion for learning and social responsibility.

By passing HB 3444, you can support this and other public charter school programs that are helping more of Oregon's public school students stay in school to graduation, and go on to promising careers. Please help Oregon's youth better access success by better funding our incredible charter school programs like that at Portland Village School.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you, Julia Damon Green