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On Behalf Of:

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HB3444

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Oregon State Senate

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

As a parent of an Oregon public charter school student, I am writing today in support of House Bill 3444. HB 3444 will fix a deep disparity currently happening in Oregon schools: that Oregon public charter school students are essentially funded at 48 cents on the dollar compared to district students. Public charter school students are public school students, and it's past time to fund their education fairly.

Oregon public charter school has worked great for my son as he graduated in 2020 and daughter who is in kindergarten is doing great and as the charter schools goes above and beyond what public schools do, not only with the education, but each student as a whole, keeping parents involved, educated on what their student is learning and how each subject is being taught, how the students are learning how to identify their emotions and zones of regulations and healthy behavior and healthy coping strategies. Not only are the kids learning at home but at school and all kids/parents and teachers are on the same page making sure every child/student is a good human being and has every opportunity to be amazing not just academically but again as a whole. This is where it all starts, this is where it is most important, our children are the future and these Oregon Charter Schools are important and the teachers who teach our children are important and have a big impact on our children's lives. These schools/teachers/administration and all faculty of the school help our children and community be better and grow to be stronger and the best we all can be.

Thank you,

Sincerely,

Stephanie DeMars