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On Behalf Of:  
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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

Dear Chair, Vice chairs and Committee members,

Thank you for your time. I am a parent of two students in our Oregon public school system. We strongly support House Bill 3444 to give our charter schools access to the appropriate percentage of State funds.

We have chosen a public charter for 18 years of our kid's education. District administrative fees and dues take 20% of our state funding right off the top. The families of our 200 students are faced with tireless fundraising, and often times we simply do without necessities. We worked for years to purchase our building. We fix our own heat, plumbing, play structures, septic systems and roofs and pay for our own cleaning service. We have regularly scheduled work days when families wash windows and tend landscaping. We pay \$80,000 for our own two school bus routes. Every expense imaginable is on our shoulders and we will never see one dime of bonds that are intended to improve and fortify public schools.

Our charter grows kind and intelligent humans who become leaders in their high school and community. It is absolutely inequitable to withhold an excessive percentage of our funding to the public charter schools who don't all the district services enjoyed by other schools. We work hard to provide for our students and excessive withholding of our funds is offensive.

Thank you,  
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