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Committee: House Committee On Education
Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

To Whom it may Concern,

My eldest child started kindergarten this year, and in our research of local public school options, we were often met with large classroom sizes, poor testing and literacy results, and concerns with student welfare. We turned instead to our local public charter school, which has higher performance results and a smaller scale. Our child is flourishing in this structured and close knit community.

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. Over the last ten years, charter school enrollment has gone up, but funding relative to enrollment has decreased. Public charter school students are public students, and it's past time to fund their education fairly.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,
Breanne Lindsey