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To whom it may concern,

When my daughter was enrolled in her neighborhood public school she was having a very hard time learning how to read and getting the specialized attention to her education that she desperately needed. Within weeks of her attending Gresham Arthur Academy she was not only reading but excelling. Since then she has gotten such a good education, and the school has shifted to meet her needs whenever needed. The small school has been a good environment for both of my kids and has become such a good community to them. Having my children in charter school was the best decision we ever made. I too attended Arthur Academy (David Douglas) as a kid and believe that it set me up for a lifetime of success. When I got into middle school I felt like I was beyond prepared and this set me up for success in high school and eventually in college. The only thing lacking I believe has been the lack of funding, it keeps these kids from much needed field trips, and food services that the kids in these schools still need.

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 school students, and its past time to fund their education fairly.

Please vote eyes on HB 3444.

Thank you,

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