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On Behalf Of:

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Measure, Appointment or Topic: HB3444

While we chose Gresham Arthur Academy for our son, Apollo, because we wanted to give him the best education possible, it's the additional sense of community that makes the school so valuable. They provide support in so many important ways by supporting our kids in all of their endeavors. They also lent support to our family when we were victims of a senseless act of violence by providing our son with a safe and stable place to learn and continue to grow while we were going through this trying time.

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 it's past time to fund their education fairly.

Please vote yes on HB 3444.

Thank you,

Deann Orr